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Leyda Ada gets 27 months in prison

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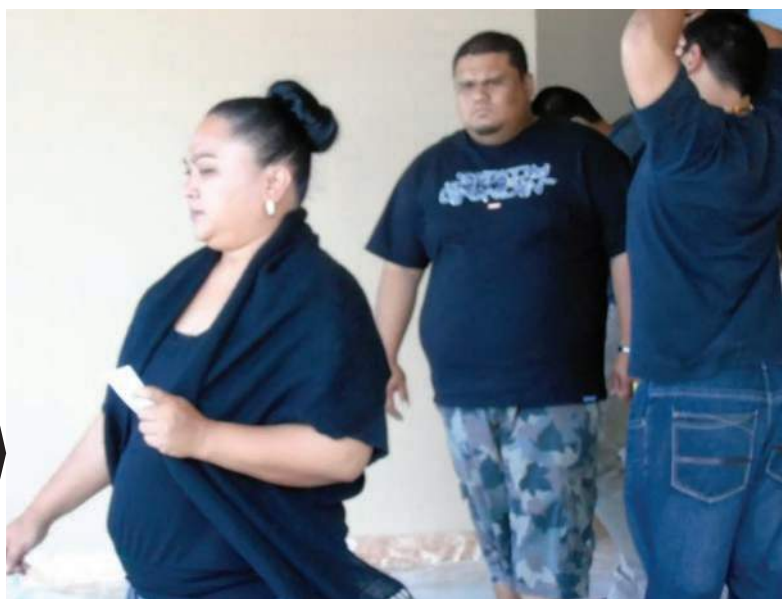
U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona yesterday slapped a sentence of two years and three months imprisonment against Leyda I. Ada for her conviction of perjury.

"I do not find that you were deceived," Manglona told Ada, who was in tears.

"It is my position that you are not convicted because you are the wife of Melvin Ada," the judge said during the sentencing. Most of those present

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE
Leyda I. Ada emerges outside the Horiguchi Building in Garapan after U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona sentenced her to two years and three months imprisonment for perjury. Ada was allowed her continued release pending the availability of a federal prison facility.



Five criminal charges filed vs ex-DPS chief

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The Office of the Attorney General has filed 10 criminal charges against former Department of



Deleon Guerrero

Public Safety commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero and Police Officer 3 Jesse Salas Concepcion for allegedly sexually assaulting a then-15-year-old girl in 2013.

The information charged the 44-year-old Deleon Guerrero and the 45-year-old Concepcion each with five counts.

» Concepcion also facing same number of charges

Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion were each charged with one count of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, two counts of misconduct in public office, and two counts of conspiracy to commit sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree.

The preliminary hearing set for yesterday was rescheduled to Friday, April 22, at 1:30pm. OAG and defense counsel Joaquin Torres and Richard Pierce have agreed to reschedule the prelimi-

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AS CNMI SEES INCREASE IN TRAFFIC OF GOODS, PEOPLE Customs division graduates 16 cadets

» Hocog urges cadets to be vigilant abide by law in wake of DPS scandal

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The CNMI Division of Customs graduated yesterday 16 cadets from

an extensive eight-week training program, adding more bodies to the work of guarding the CNMI's borders from illegal goods and substances.

The ceremony held behind the Customs office at the Saipan seaport yesterday morning was attended by a crowd of family and heads of government, including lawmakers, Attorney General Edward Manibusan, and department heads.

Acting governor Victor Hocog, alluding to recent allegations and

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The graduating class of the 5th Cycle for the Customs Cadet Academy do a little dance for the crowd to close yesterday's graduation ceremony held at the Division of Customs on the Port of Saipan.

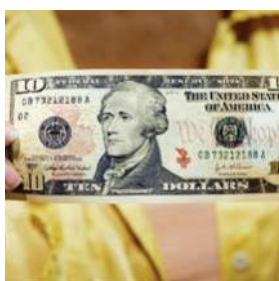
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Local

CNMI sells fishing quota for \$250K per year over 3 years

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has signed an agreement with a Hawaii longline fishing group to sell half of the CNMI's big-eye fishing tuna quota, or 1,000 metric tons, to the fishing group for \$250,000 every year for a three-year period.

The "specified fishing agreement," copies of which were obtained by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, was struck on April 14 between the CNMI and the Quota Management, Inc. and the Hawaii Longline Association.

The agreement does not mean these longliner vessels can fish in CNMI waters but al-

lows the Hawaii fishermen haul bigeye tuna past their own fishing limits, when exhausted.

Per the agreement, the longliner groups will "annually contribute" \$250,000 for calendar years 2016, 2017, and 2018, "into the Western Pacific Fisheries Fund in support of" fisheries development projects under the CNMI's marine conservation plan.

A payment of \$125,000 will be made no later than Sept. 1 of the calendar year and another payment of \$125,000 will be made no later than Dec. 1 of the applicable calendar year.

The funds will be deposited into the Western Pacific Fisheries Fund "in support of the

fisheries development projects identified in a territory's Marine Conservation Plan."

Senate vice president Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan), who was with Torres when the CNMI sealed a deal with the longliner officials in Hawaii last week, said this Fisheries Fund "covers over the money to" the CNMI Department of Land and Natural Resources for projects under its Micronesia Conservation Fund.

Palacios hopes the funds can be the "seeds" to grow an industry in the NMI to complement a growing development projects. Palacios noted geographic restrictions in the past with the CNMI having to reach market

in Guam or Hawaii, but pointed to a potential market within the NMI with 1,000 plus new hotel rooms on the horizon.

The "covered over" funds will go to fund DLNR programs.

Other interested parties can submit project proposals as well.

A committee made up of government, community, and non-profit groups would vet these proposals.

The group would review the proposals and determine which should be funded.

The CNMI's fishing quota was 2,000 metric tons for 2014 and 2015, but the limits for 2016, 2017, and 2018 have

not been established.

According to the agreement, the parties "reasonably anticipate" a 2,000 catch limit for these three years.

In October 2014, the National Marine Fisheries Service issued a final rule and amendment on regulations to establish a "management framework and process" for setting catch limits and accountability standards for pelagic fisheries in the U.S. territories.

The rule allows the government of each territory to allocate a portion of its specified catch limit to a U.S. fishing vessel or vessels through specified fishing agreements, and established criteria for these agreements.

Salsa Wednesdays at Chambre begins tonight

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Are you into social dancing and looking for the right crowd who holds the same interests as you do? Or maybe you're an aspiring dancer or just someone who wants to do something fun and different to survive the week's "hump day"?

You're in luck because Salsa Wednesdays at Chambre Bar is happening at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan starting tonight!

Beginning tonight, April 20, Chambre will turn into a dance haven where you can learn to dance or show off what you know.

Beginner's Class will begin at 7:45pm and will last until 8:30pm.

From 8:30pm to 10:30pm, the floor will be open to social dancing whether its salsa, bachata, merengue, or chacha!

According to the organizers of the Saipan Salsa Community, you need not have dance experience to attend.

Even those that just want to watch or hangout and not dance are also welcome, however, attendees must be 21 years old and above.

The gentlemen are also requested to not wear tank tops or flip flops.

There will be a fee of \$3 which will include a drink of choice whether water, soda, beer, or wine.

For more information, check out the Saipan Salsa Community Facebook page for regular updates at facebook.com/saipansalsacommunity/ or contact Jenny Hegland at jenny-hegland72@gmail.com.

Hasselback's request to withdraw as special prosecutor in Ogumoro case denied

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has denied special prosecutor George Lloyd Hasselback's oral motion to be discharged from a corruption case in which former Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogumoro is convicted of.

In an order issued on Monday, Wiseman said he does not find good cause at this time to grant Hasselback's motion to withdraw as special prosecutor.

Wiseman said that at the April 13, 2016 hearing, Hasselback did not submit any affidavit or testimony as to whether his withdrawal would have a material adverse effect

on his client, the government.

The judge cited that under Rule 1.16 of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, the court may grant the special prosecutor's motion to withdraw for "other good cause."

However, Wiseman said, an attorney may withdraw only if it can be accomplished without a material adverse effect on the client's—in this case, the government's—interests.

But Wiseman allowed Hasselback until April 29, 2016 to submit on an ex parte basis any stipulation as to alternate candidate(s) for appointment of special prosecutor, or to return prosecution to the Office of the Attorney General or to the Office of the Public Auditor for the remaining prosecu-

tion in this matter.

Ex parte refers to an application to the court by one of the parties to the action without the other party being present or heard.

Wiseman said any stipulation must include a sworn affidavit that replacement counsel for the government would not be conflicted from such representation.

The judge said he shall issue a ruling on Hasselback's submission without a court hearing.

At the April 13 hearing, Hasselback orally moved to withdraw as counsel for the government.

Ogumoro, through counsel Daniel T. Guidotti, did not oppose, subject to the condition that no conflict of interest would prevent appointment of new

counsel for the government.

Wiseman then placed under advisement Hasselback's motion.

Wiseman appointed Hasselback as special prosecutor in the case in August 2012 upon the lawyer's ex-parte petition for appointment.

The special prosecutor's duties were "limited to the investigation and prosecution of matters or persons that are connected or relevant to the charges" filed in the case against former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham.

Wiseman's August 2012 order also disqualified the Office of the Attorney General and the OPA, in part, because those offices represented Buckingham at the arraignment held

more than three years ago, on Aug. 6, 2012.

On Jan. 22, 2016, a Superior Court jury found Ogumoro guilty of one count of conspiracy to commit theft of services and one count of theft of services pertaining to the shielding of then-AG Buckingham from being served with penal summons in August 2012.

Wiseman further found Ogumoro guilty of five counts of misconduct in public office, one count of obstructing justice, and one count of criminal coercion.

Wiseman sentenced Ogumoro to one year in prison.

On April 7, 2016, Ogumoro appealed.

Ogumoro started serving his prison term at the Department of Corrections last April 13.

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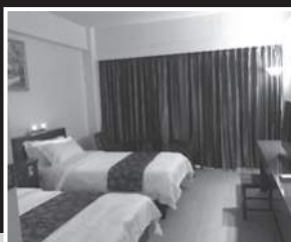
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CNMI leaf painter biggest winner in arts contest

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Filipino leaf painter Irineo David was the biggest winner of the 6th Annual CNMI Art Competition held last Saturday in the 35th Flame Tree Arts Festival at Civic Center beach. He topped the open category and bested more than 20 other entries for the Best in Show award.

The Angeles City, Pangasinana-born David won a total of \$4,000 with his oil on canvas Banana Blossoms entry earning him \$1,500 in the open category. He earned an additional \$2,500 for Best in Show as his painting stood out from the rest.

David, a self-taught painter with no formal training, had been doing artworks mostly sketches since he was in elementary school where he used to draw on his notebooks. From there, he slowly moved from paper to cloth canvas before testing it on dried leaves.

What was once a hobby became a source of additional income for him as he sold his artworks in Angeles City near the Clark Field Air Base, the former U.S. military facility in Central Luzon.

He said that he first experimented on and painted using

dried leaves as canvas in the late '80s, and resumed doing it when he arrived on Saipan in 2006 to work at CMI Con-

struction and General Contractors.

"I dip and soak the leaves in a water solution that has so-

dium chloride for one month and let it dry to get the right texture that I want," David told *Saipan Tribune* in last Sunday's closing ceremony of the 35th edition of the annual arts festival.

"I've been using the leaves of the Sakura tree in the Philippines and I was surprised to find out that they are also available here. From my experience, the Sakura tree's leaves have been the best canvas. I also tried other

leaves but they are nothing compared to the Sakura."

The annual art competition, sponsored by Bridge Capital, LLC gave away a total of \$12,500 in cash prizes with Nhorleen Bitco's Save The Turtles earning \$1,000 for her second place entry in the open category.

Kathy Hi's Sun Will Rise earned her \$1,000 in the 29-below division, while Eli-na Gharty Chhetri's Let There Be Peace painting winning

\$500. In the woodcarving and others—sculptures or fabric work—Tatiana Ilmova's The Lion mosaic got the \$1,500 top prize, while Maria Manalo went home with \$1,000 for her Let Them Live entry.

Hervin Jacinto's Starry Banzai Cliff was awarded the Best Photo for \$1,500 with The Lady and The Sea Monster of Richard Shaul settling for the \$1,000 second prize. Gregorio Baclis' painting Respect was judged as the Governor's Choice for \$1,000 with acting governor Victor B. Hocog choosing the entry.



JON PEREZ

Ernie David, the first leaf painter in the CNMI, stands beside his artworks inside his tent in the 35th Flame Tree Arts Festival last Sunday at Civic Center beach.



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OAG opposes Radich couple's request for \$103K in legal fees

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The Office of the Attorney General is opposing the request of U.S. Navy veteran David J. Radich and his wife, Li-Rong, for payment for their two lawyers in the total amount of \$103,913.83 for attorney's fees and expenses for prevailing in their lawsuit that challenged the constitutionality of the CNMI gun's control law.

Assistant attorney general James M. Zarones said plaintiffs Radich couple are

requesting fees that could not reasonably be billed to a private client.

Zarones said plaintiffs also failed to provide the U.S. District Court for the NMI with evidence of the prevailing market rates in the NMI.

Zarones is counsel for former Department of Public Safety commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero and Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, who are sued in their official capacity by the Radich couple.

Attorneys David G. Sigale and Daniel T. Guidotti are

asking the court to award them attorney's fees in the amount of \$80,325 and \$15,347.50, respectively. The lawyers are also requesting payment of \$8,241.33 in costs.

In the defendants' opposition, Zarones said plaintiffs' attorneys are requesting fees for clerical work and work that should have been performed by paralegals.

Zarones said it was unreasonable for an attorney billing \$500 an hour to spend .7 hours drafting the civil cover sheet.

Zarones said it was unreasonable for an attorney bill-

ing \$500 an hour to spend time drafting an entry of appearance.

He said the government should not be required to pay attorney fees for conversations with third parties.

Zarones noted that on Nov. 18, 2012, Sigale traveled 2.4 hours to meet with an individual named Gray Peterson and that the meeting lasted an hour.

He said Sigale traveled again 2.5 hours to meet Peterson on Nov. 23, 2013, and that the meeting lasted an hour.

Zarones said Sigale dis-

cussed logistics and possibility of bringing a lawsuit in the first meeting and again discussed necessary steps for bringing a possible lawsuit in the second meeting.

Zarones said Peterson is not an attorney providing representation to plaintiffs in this case, nor there was any records indicate that Peterson had any relevance to this case.

Zarones said the government should not be required to pay for the duplicative effort of researching and drafting four separate complaints in this case.

He said Sigale should not receive \$10,500 for his travel to the CNMI because the

original complaint and motion for summary judgment were defective.

Zarones said the memorandum in support of attorney fees is a cut-and-paste document that fails to provide the court with the information necessary to establish the reasonable hourly rate to be applied.

Zarones said Sigale represents that he spent five hours researching and drafting a memorandum in support of his fee request.

However, Zarones said, the memorandum is nothing more than a copy and paste of a memorandum Sigale filed in a previous lawsuit.

LEYDA

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in the courtroom were the Ada couple's family and relatives.

Manglona ordered that after serving the prison term, Ada shall be placed on three years of supervised release.

Ada was ordered to immediately pay \$100 in court assessment fee. No fine was imposed on her.

Ada was allowed her continued release pending the designation of her federal prison facility. She was required to call the U.S. Marshal Service thrice a week to check if there is already an available federal prison facility for her.

Manglona said it is very clear from the evidence that Ada was part of the scheme of her husband, Melvin, as she was also using the stolen funds.

Regarding knowledge of Melvin Ada's two bank accounts, the judge said there was testimony from her sister that she and Melvin were spending a lot of money.

Manglona said there was also a testimony and evidence that Ada and her cousin once played poker at a game room for hours when at that time the defendant was unemployed.

"You were using a lot of cash," the judge said, adding that the U.S. government showed evidence that at the time Melvin Ada was stealing money from the Commonwealth Health Center, the only hospital in

the CNMI.

Manglona said the poker owner testified that he put Ada's check on hold.

The judge said it was Ada who told the poker owner that the check has sufficient funds.

Manglona said Ada's own journal, which was seized by investigators, told about her plans, methodologically, such as house renovation and other things.

Manglona noted that Ada used to be a sales representative for Midwest Medical Supply Co. Inc., a Missouri-based company that had supplied dialysis consumables and equipment to the Commonwealth Health Center.

"It is very clear from the evidence that you were part of the scheme," said Manglona, adding that the defendant was using the embezzled funds.

Perjury carries a maximum sentence of five years imprisonment.

Manglona determined that the sentencing guidelines range from 28 months to 33 months imprisonment and \$6,000 to \$50,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe left to the court's discretion on what sentence to impose.

Backe said Ada's defense is that she had no idea about the money that her husband had stolen, that she was slow, that she was abused.

"She had lied. She had obstructed justice. Her defense is built on lies, to escape responsibility," the prosecutor said.

missioner of DPS, twice engaged in sexual penetration with a minor child at the San Antonio beach site.

Deleon Guerrero performed illegal acts under the color of his office.

Foley said that in June 2013, Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion arranged a meeting place, meeting times, and coordinated with other persons to lure the minor child to a San Antonio beach site, where they engaged in sexual

Defense attorney Mark Hanson recommended a probation sentence so Ada could stay with her three young children.

Hanson said its guilt by association, as it was the defendant's husband, Melvin Ada, who embezzled almost \$2 million from CHC.

Hanson said this case sends a message to wives that they better keep track of their husbands to know what they are doing.

The U.S. Probation recommended 27 months imprisonment.

Upon Hanson's advice for appeal purposes, Ada did not address the court before the sentence was announced.

Hanson called to the podium Ada's 17-year-old son and her cousin and sister.

The son said his mother is not a thief and a liar.

"She's just a mother to us. We barely see our dad everyday," said the son, who stated that his father, who abused his mother, was the one who was responsible for the crime.

The son also stated that it was his father who put the \$4,000 cash in the underwear drawer, where he would always put money.

The sister said she was also physically and mentally abused by her then-husband and that's what Ada was going through.

She said their father raised 14 children and none was in trouble.

"I still continue to stand by her side. My sister is not

guilty!" she said.

The cousin addressed the court in vernacular.

Last June 26, a federal jury reached a verdict, acquitting Ada of the charges of conspiracy to commit money laundering and money laundering, but finding her guilty as to the crime of perjury.

The 12 jurors found Ada guilty of perjury when she signed "no" to the question in the "CJA form" if she has any cash on hand or money in savings or checking accounts.

In order to determine whether Ada could afford her own lawyer when she was arrested, she was required by the court to truthfully complete a financial affidavit.

In the paragraph entitled "Employment," Ada also checked the "no" box indicating that she was not employed.

According to the indictment, Ada's statements were false because she knew that she had \$4,000 in cash at the time in her personal clothing drawer at her house and had access to and was an authorized user of at least two bank accounts.

Melvin Ada is a former employee of the Commonwealth Health Center. He pleaded guilty to 56 charges for misappropriating and diverting CNMI Treasury checks made payable to a medical supplier company totaling over \$1.7 million. Last December, he was slapped with a sentence of 12.7 years imprisonment.

tion Division arrested Deleon Guerrero on Friday and Concepcion on Thursday after Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo issued an arrest warrant for them for the alleged sexual assault of the minor.

Deleon Guerrero is special assistant for Homeland and Emergency Management. He has been suspended without pay by acting governor Victor Hocog immediately after he was arrested.

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arrests of law enforcement officials, urged the cadets to perform their duties with diligence and in good faith, abiding by the law.

"Let's try to protect and restore the trust" in law enforcement, Hocog said. He added that the week prior was a "hectic" week, referring to the arrest and allegations against former Department of Public Safety commissioner James Deleon Guerrero for sexually abusing a minor, who Hocog has put on "suspension without pay" to allow the legal process to take its course.

Hocog also said the additional 16 cadets make it "more easier" to prevent unwanted goods in the CNMI, and added that if they are "lax" drugs would circle and "ruin the community."

"At the end the governance will not be run by our people, it will be taken over by these people who are trying to poison the minds, the hearts, the physical being of our people," Hocog said. "Stay the course."

"They did an awesome job," Customs director Jose Mafnas told reporters after the ceremony. "They survived the training. A lot of it was fitness."

He added that the additional 16 personnel—13 on Saipan and three on Rota—would help their operation with "the guaranteed new airlines that are coming into the CNMI."

"That's an addition of about 800 passengers," said Mafnas. The new airlines are Philipines Airlines, Jin Air, Hong Kong International, and Hong Kong Express, he said.

Veterans Affairs director Gregorio Sablan, a former Customs official, said the new customs officials will strengthen their numbers at the borders.

"We do have a war against ice, so the more people and the

more training that is afforded to them will make our island more safe," and allow them "to intercept illegal contraband and narcotics."

"Every time a narcotic goes on the street, it destroys communities, it destroys lives. We need to put a stop to that. As long as these drug dealers have money, the will always be two steps ahead of us, we need to catch up and do a choke on their supply at all ports of entry," he added.

Increase in traffic, revenues

From October 2015 to March 2016, Customs collected \$6 million more compared to the same period last fiscal year, Mafnas said yesterday.

In 2015, within the same six-month period, they collected about \$15.7 million and in fiscal year '16, they collected \$21.7 million. "And we are still half-way" through fiscal year, he added.

Mafnas, when asked, attributed this to more inspections. We caught a couple of undeclared goods but that's minor. Its just there's an increase of cargo entering the CNMI."

"I set the goal that 'let's collect more.' Let's keep more than what we collected in the pervious year and its' really working," he said. "I'm really proud of the officers here. They work hard. Unloading and inspecting a container, especially small items, is not easy."

Department of Finance Secretary Larissa Larson, in her remarks, also thanked the cadets' family member for their support as the cadets give long hours and difficult days to their work.

"They are going to need you," she said.

"We are going to see great things from Customs over the next few years. The \$6 million is nothing. You are going to see more," Larson said. Customs is a division under the finance department.

DPS

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nary hearing.

Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion have posted bail and placed under house arrest plus other conditions.

According to the information filed by assistant attorney general Shannon R. Foley in court on Monday, in June 2013 on Saipan, Deleon Guerrero, then the com-

ual penetration of that child.

Foley said that in June 2013, Concepcion, then a DPS officer, engaged in sexual penetration with a minor child at the San Antonio beach site on numerous occasions.

The prosecutor said Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion, being public officials, performed illegal acts under the color of their office.

Investigators from the Attorney General's Investiga-

CNMI expresses grief over Japan

» **Torres to Abe: We are ready to help**

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has extended his sympathy to Japan in the wake of a devastating earthquake, as aftershocks continue and quake relief floods in.

The governor sent a letter of sympathy to Shinzo Abe, prime minister of Japan, and the families of the victims for the loss and injury to loved ones due to the devastating Kyushu Island and Kumamoto Prefecture earthquakes.

On behalf of the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, I express my deepest condolences to you and the families of the victims of the devastating Kyushu Island and Kumamoto Prefecture earthquakes for the loss and injury to loved ones," Torres wrote.

"The people of the CNMI hold the people of Japan with the highest regard because of our strong historic friendship and family ties. The people of Japan came to our aid during the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor and for that, we are forever grateful...know that the people of the CNMI stand ready to assist in any way we can. We are with you during this time of pain and hardship.

The two powerful earthquakes hit the south-western island of Kyushu. An earthquake on Saturday struck at magnitude 7.3, striking in the wake of magnitude-6.4 quake last Thursday, a CNN report said yesterday.

At least 100,000 people are still thought to be living in emergency accommodation, some living in their cars enduring cold temperatures, a CNN report said, and at least 44 people were killed and more than 1,000 people were injured, according to authorities.



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50 students join SCC's annual HS workshop

More than 50 public and private school students attended this year's High School Workshop hosted annually by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce that was held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe last Saturday.

The workshop was developed by the Education Committee of the SCC as an annual event to educate high school seniors on the paths that lie ahead for them when they graduate high school.

Guest speakers for the event were Vicky Benavente of Pacific Islands Club, Jim Arenovski of Island Training



Fifty students from public and private high schools attended the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's annual workshop. The workshop aims to educate high school seniors on the paths that lie ahead for them after they graduate.

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Solutions, and Shamika Ratwatte of Ernst & Young.

Benavente opened the workshop on the topic "Balancing Work and Family" where she shared valuable tips to maintain a balanced lifestyle.

Arenovski discussed the interviewing process through a dynamic and interactive presentation, which offered insight into the do's and don'ts during an interview.

Ratwatte's lighthearted presentation about "Personal Budgeting" made the topic easily understandable and fun.

Certificates of completion were presented to the students by Chamber president Velma Palacios along with the speakers.

SCC thanked their donors Herman's Bakery, Subway/Foremost, and LSG Sky Chefs for the food they provided to keep their attendees happy and focused.

"The generosity of these companies is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Education Committee co-chair, Mrs. Vickie Izuka for your attendance and part in making this a great success," SCC said.

Saipan Chamber of Commerce is located on the 3rd floor of the Marianas Business Plaza, Suite #315. For any questions, please call (670)234-7150 or email administrator@saipanchamber.com. **(Frauline Villanueva-Dizon)**

Muna to be part of HSAG's ESRD network board

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REPORTER

The top official of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. was chosen to be part of an advisory group aiming to improving the quality of healthcare services.

CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muna was selected to be part of the board of directors for Health Services Advisory Group's End Stage Renal Disease Network.

In a letter to Muna, HSAG chief executive officer Mary

Ellen Dalton said that Muna was highly recommended to become part of the board.

"You have been highly recommended to be a part of this important board whose work will focus on improving the quality of healthcare for ESRD patients through technical assistance, sharing best practices, and measuring improvement through timely and accurate data collection and analyses," Dalton said.



Muna

"I am truly humbled by this appointment and appreciative to be given this opportunity to participate in a Board that aims to improve the quality of healthcare for

ESRD patients," Muna said.

HSAG was founded in 1979 and has become a multi-state Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO), and External Quality Review Organization (EQRO), along with being an ESRD Network

contractor.

It serves approximately 25 percent of the U.S. Medicare population, 45 percent of the Medicaid population, and 19 percent of the dialysis population.

HSAG was awarded four ESRD Network contracts by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid which includes Network 17 where the CNMI belongs along with Guam, Hawaii, American Samoa, and Northern California.

The other three networks under HSAG are Network 7 (Florida), Network 13

(Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma), and Network 15 (Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming).

Muna will represent Network 17 where only two providers were selected from the said areas.

"As a member of the Board of Directors that represents an ESRD provider, I am serving as a partner in quality improvement for all ESRD patients. With my experience working in the administration of services to ESRD patients, I will be fully participating in the contribution of our organization's best practices while

learning from all other participants of this board. Overall, it's about improving their quality of healthcare and their quality of life," Muna said.

The recent establishment of a board for HSAG-ESRD Network aligns "in accordance with CMS ESRD contract requirements."

Muna will meet with the council at least twice a year, with the first one to be held this May.

"Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve ESRD beneficiaries across the nation," Dalton said, "I look forward to the privilege of working with you."

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-16-012

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF POWER DISTRIBUTION ANNUAL MATERIALS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the Supply and Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of **\$80.00** for one IFB package set.

CUC may award a contract to more than one firm for the materials, based on bids for "Commodity Groups."

One (1) Original Hard Copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-16-012, Supply & Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials, Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 19, 2016**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. *A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to CUC Procurement & Supply Division via email address.cucprocurement@cucgov.org or alternately include a CD with the copy of the submission.*

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract(s) is contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission and the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Board of Director's approval. The contract(s) will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 2, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Joseph Crisostimo, CUC Power Division, Purchasing Technician via email joseph.crisostimo@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-16-006

SR-1 LIFT STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT (S-11-015)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the rehabilitation and upgrade of SR-1 Sewer Lift Station in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists, in general of the rehabilitation and upgrade of SR-1 Sewer Lift Station.

The work shall be done not to disrupt the daily operation of the sewer discharge. The work includes rehabilitation of the wet well, remove existing pumps and appurtenances and install new pumps, guide rails, control panel, valves, replacement of pipes and fittings, temporary wastewater bypass system, installation of new fence and gate, and other related work.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **270 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **April 14, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-IFB-16-006, SR-1 Lift Station Rehabilitation Project**", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 03, 2016**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on April 18, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Birhen Martinez, CUC Water/Wastewater Senior Engineer - via email birhen.martinez@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

World Health Day 2016 focuses on diabetes

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REPORTER

Diabetes was the focus of this year's World Health Day workshop hosted by the Division of Public Health's Non-Communicable Disease Bureau.

NCDB worked with faith-based leaders and gave presentations focused on key points such as nutrition, physical activity, and positive lifestyle changes at the Pacific Islands Club.

World Health Day, celebrated annually on April 7, is a day that the World Health Organization aims to bring awareness of a particular global health concern.

Among the speakers is Jessica Delos Reyes, a registered dietitian, who presented on making healthy food choices and eating well to prevent and manage diabetes.

Derek Cutting, owner and coach at Latte Built, shared insights on ways to increase physical activity on island, while Life in the Son Fellowship pastor Eric Abragan spoke about connecting biblical truths with health and wellness.

Diabetes is a chronic, progressive non-communicable disease characterized by elevated levels of blood glucose (blood sugar). Although com-

plications from diabetes can lead to heart attack, stroke, blindness, kidney failure, and lower limb amputation, diabetes remains preventable and manageable.

Type 2 Diabetes is the most common type of diabetes, making up roughly 95 percent of all diagnoses.

DPH said it values the partnership with the faith-based community in the fight against diabetes and recognizes the strong impact of spiritual leaders in the CNMI as they offer a unique environment of nurturing and social support to those in their congregations. This collaboration offers an additional level of support regarding physical health.

Likewise, the various organization look forward to working with DPH in the fight against the disease.

"The forum prepared by DPH was very comprehensive. There's truly a genuine need to address the issues on diabetes and NCDs. And we are looking forward to continue to partner and collaborate with DPH and others in the community to help address and fight diabetes," Abragan said.

"I am so pleased with our partnership with Public Health and the pastors/ministers on

the recently concluded workshop on the occasion of World Health Day. It was a very successful event and all our participants were very pleased with the outcome. The Diocese of Chalan Kanoa looks forward to further collaborative efforts on what we can do together for the good of our community," said the diocese's apostolic administrator Fr. Ryan Jimenez.

According to WHO, one out of 11 persons worldwide have diabetes.

It has also become a concern in the CNMI where obesity, a risk factor for diabetes, is at a rate 50 percent higher than that of the entire United States' rate of 34.9 percent, according to available data from several small studies conducted in the CNMI and the U.S.

Official Medicare numbers indicate the rate of dialysis from diabetes in the CNMI is 300 percent higher than the U.S. level.

NCD Bureau's goal is to increase awareness, decrease incidence, scale up prevention, and improve management of diabetes and other NCDs.

The bureau is able to provide the public with educational health resources and services. For further information on NCD's, you can call 236-8728 or 323-QUIT (7848).



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-16-007

LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE (CUC ROTA)

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firms for the lease of office space for CUC Administration and Operation in Rota, CNMI.

The proposed office space must conform to American Disabilities Act (ADA), OSHA and CNMI Zoning regulation.

The RFP package may be obtained at the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section (Saipan, Tinian or Rota), by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$20.00 for one RFP package set. The RFP package will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered Proponents email ID. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division to be considered.

A pre-proposal conference is scheduled for 2:00 PM (ChST) on April 15, 2016 at the CUC Rota Administration Office in Sinapalo Village, Rota.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC RFP -16-007, Lease of Office Space (CUC Rota)" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 10, 2016.**

Proponents are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proponent due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Proponent's preparation of a proposal under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible Proponents for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proponents shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes which will become the obligation of the Proponent awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The Proponent awarded a contract shall comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on April 18, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer



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INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-16-010

TINIAN WATER SYSTEM PRESSURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the installation of pressure reducing stations and installation of 10-in PVC Waterline Project in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of the installation of approximately 1400 linear feet of 10-inch PVC water line complete with necessary valves and fittings, the relocation and replacement of two existing pressure reducing valves (PRV's), the installation of a new PRV, and several reconfigurations of the existing water system.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **240 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **April 21, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-16-010, Tinian Water System Pressure Improvements Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 12, 2016**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A **Bid Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). **Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.**

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on April 22, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Administrative Support Assistant - marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer



CIP PROGRAM OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

INVITATION TO BID ITB16-GOV-103 Rota Municipal Solid Waste Improvement Project

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the CIP Program Office are soliciting sealed bids for the Rota Municipal Solid Waste Improvement Project in Tatchok on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available April 20, 2016 at the CIP Program Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. A \$250.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. **All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.**

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference meeting on Friday, May 6, 2016, 10:00 a.m. ChST at the Rota Mayor's Office conference room followed by a site visit to the project site. All inquiries regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. ChST, May 13, 2016 to the CIP Program Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or via email to esb.cip@gmail.com (Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., CIP Project Manager), or fax (670) 664-2408. All responses to inquiries will be shared with all prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked ITB16-GOV-103 Rota Municipal Solid Waste Improvement Project. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan no later than 9:00 a.m. ChST, May 20, 2016. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 a.m. ChST, May 20, 2016 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than May 20, 2016 and the bid documents must be received no later than May 31, 2016. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. ChST, June 2, 2016. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open at 10:00 a.m. ChST, May 20, 2016.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only:

- Cash
- US Government Securities
- Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is Two Hundred Ten (210) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per day, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 210 calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Ralph DLG. Torres,
Governor

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
CNMI Procurement & Supply

Homeland: CNMI loses contact with Pagan

The administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is investigating the causes of a communications breakdown with the island of Pagan and has promised to provide more information when available.

The Torres administration has also warned against traveling to Pagan in the wake of the communications blackout.

“The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency would like to inform the general public, especially mariners who plan to travel to the Northern Islands that there is a commu-

nications breakdown with the island of Pagan. No radio or other communications are currently available to con-

tact the island of Pagan,” the CNMI Joint Information Center said yesterday.

JIC said that vessels head-

ing to the Northern Islands must submit a copy of their Float Plan to the Department of Public Safety-Boat-

ing Safety Division and the CNMI Emergency Operations Center.

“The CNMI Homeland

Security and Emergency Management Agency will closely monitor this situation and will issue updated information when it becomes available,” JIC said. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

SBA Disaster Loan applications to end May 5

Qualified businesses that are still in need of assistance from the U.S. Small Business

Administration for economic injury caused by Typhoon Soudelor have less than a

month to apply.

According to SBA Hawaii District Office director Jane Sawyer, small businesses on Saipan have until May 5 to apply for an SBA federal disaster loan for economic injury caused by the typhoon that occurred Aug. 1 to 3 last year.

“Economic Injury Disaster Loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster’s impact. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the applicant suffered any property damage,” Sawyer said.

Sawyer said that small non-

farm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private non-profit organizations of any size may apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) of up to \$2 million to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster.

The interest rate is 4 percent for businesses and 2.625 percent for private non-profit organizations with terms up to 30 years.

Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant’s financial condition.

Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administra-

tion, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA’s secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA’s Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955 or emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Individuals who are deaf or hardofhearing may call (800) 877-8339.

For more disaster assistance information or to download applications, visit <https://www.sba.gov/disaster>. **(Frau-leine Villanueva-Dizon)**



SAIPAN HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Office of the Mayor
Municipality of Saipan

NOTICE OF REGULAR SHEFA BOARD MEETING

In accordance with 1 CMC § 9901 *et seq.*, as amended, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance (SHEFA) Board hereby gives notice of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting set for Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Saipan Mayor’s Office Conference Room, Ladera Center Building, Beach Road, Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 1. Roll Call
 2. Adoption of Agenda
 3. Adoption of Minutes from March 23, 2016
 4. Administrative Matters
 - a. Signature Authority
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- III. REPORTS
 1. Administrator
 2. Chairman
 3. COMMITTEES
 - a. Committee on Awards
 - b. Committee on Appeal/Deferments/Forbearance
 - c. Committee on Policy and Procedures
 - d. Committee on Program and Development
 - e. Committee of Fiscal, Legislative and Community Affairs
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 1. Revisit Priority Fields
 2. Update SHEFA Mission Statement
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Spring 2016 Application Status
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED)
- VII. NEXT MEETING
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

/s/ Oscar M. Babauta,
Chairman, Board of Directors

The team of IT&E and Saipan Southern High School will be hosting a unique fundraising event for the benefit of the Marianas March Against Cancer.

At their Garapan branch at the TSL Plaza along Beach Road, IT&E will be offering customers who sign in and donate any funds to the MMAC a chance to have their name and photo be featured prominently on their display board.

Any customer who signs in and donates funds to MMAC will be eligible for this unique offer.

“With Team IT&E/Saipan Southern High School’s theme of ‘Motion to Cure,’ we applaud them for their efforts to support the battle against cancer,” MMAC overall committee chair Geralyn C. Dela Cruz said. Aside from this, IT&E along with SSHS will be selling raffle tickets until the MMAC event on May 13 as part of their fundraising initiatives.

Raffle tickets are sold for only \$1 each and can be purchased at IT&E or from participating stu-

dents and staff at SSHS.

Prizes include a Samsung Galaxy S6, Kate Spade Backpack, Samsung Galaxy J2, Let’s Go Tour gift certificate for two, \$100 Shell gas certificate, T Galleria by DFS prize package, \$50 T Galleria by DFS gift certificate, massage gift certificate for two at Sawatdee Thai Massage, and other great prizes.

Prizewinners will be announced at the MMAC event at the Hopwood Junior High School field in Chalan Piao.

“We invite the community to purchase these raffle tickets for only \$1 each from Team IT&E/Saipan Southern High School for a chance to win great prizes while supporting the fight against cancer,” Dela Cruz said.

For more information on Team IT&E/SSHS, contact team captain Shirley Dotts at shirley.dotts@itechq.net or Arisa Sakai at arisa.sakai@gmail.com.

For MMAC information, email Dela Cruz at geri.dela-cruz2@gmail.com, call the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or visit www.ccamarianas.org.



JROTC 100TH ANNIVERSARY FUN RUN

To commemorate the 100th year anniversary of the JROTC Program, the Manta Ray Battalion cadets and volunteers of Saipan Southern High School held a 5K Fun Run last Saturday, April 16, from 8am to 10am. The route was from the school to the field past Coral Ocean Point and then back to Saipan Southern High School. Over 90 cadets and volunteers came to participate in the run or helped pass out water and fruits to the runners.

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INVITATION FOR BID

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BID SUBMISSION DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016 • TIME: 10:00 AM

NMHC IFB 2016-011

“REHABILITATION OF THE KAGMAN COMMUNITY PARK”

Bid packets will be available on Friday, April 15, 2016, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 1:00 p.m. on April 28, 2016, at the NMHC Conference Room in Garapan, Saipan, and all interested bidders will be given the opportunity to walk through the proposed project site, familiarize themselves with the required work and ask questions regarding the project. Attendance at this conference and site visit are considered essential to the bidders’ understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

For more information, contact Ms. Jocelyn C. Seman, Procurement Officer, or Mr. Jacob J. Muna, Planner/Environmental Officer at (670) 234-6866/7689 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

/s/ Edward C. Sablan
Board Chairman & Contracting Officer

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT : CIVIL ACTION
EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION, : NO. 05-382

Plaintiff, :

-v- :

MARIANO S. NAPUTI :

Defendant. :

TWELFTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 3, 2016, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: that certain tract or parcel of real property situated in and to the following property: Lot No. 002 G 334, situated in Kagman II, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 08, the original of which was recorded May 14, 1990, as document No. 90-1905, at the Commonwealth Recorder’s Office, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, April 29, 2016, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Condition of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 28th day of March, 2016.

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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THE FINANCIAL & INSURANCE : CIVIL ACTION
SERVICES GROUP, INC., : NO. 13-0023

Plaintiff, : FIRST AMENDED
-v- : NOTICE OF SALE

ALFONSO R. DELA CRUZ :

Defendant. :

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on February 19, 2015, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: that certain tract or parcel of real property situated in Dandan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, designated as part of Lot 029 H 01 (H-169), more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a corner which is designated as corner NO. 1, having plane rectangular coordinates of 47,973.113 meters North and 51,968.913 meters east of the Mariana Islands coordinate system of 1966.
Thence S 46° 55’ 43” E, 22.315 meters to corner 2;
Thence S 43° 04’ 17” W, 42.213 meters to corner 3;
Thence N 46° 55’ 43” W, 26.450 meters to corner 4;
Thence N 48° 40’ 00” E, 42.415 meters to corner 1; the point of beginning, subject to survey;

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Dated, this 29th day of March, 2016.

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

First Hawaiian Bank's Dacanay to retire

HAGATNA, Guam— After a 25-year career with First Hawaiian Bank, Laura-Lynn Dacanay, senior vice president and region manager for Guam and the CNMI, is retiring from First Hawaiian on April 30, 2016, according to an announcement by Ray Ono, First Hawaiian Bank vice chairman and chief banking officer. The bank has selected Ed Untalan, senior vice president and Maite Banking Center manager, to serve as interim region manager for the Guam and CNMI region.

Dacanay joined First Hawaiian in 1991 through the bank's Creditcorp subsidiary where she served as assistant branch manager. Since

»Untalan appointed interim region manager

that time, she has progressed steadily through the ranks. She was promoted to vice president and manager of the Maite Banking Center in 2001 and named vice president and region manager for Guam and CNMI region in 2006.

Six months later, she was promoted to senior vice president and region manager. Dacanay is the first female region manager for First Hawaiian Bank and the first person native to Guam to hold this position. She was also recognized by *Guam Business Magazine* as Business Executive of the Year in 2008.

"First Hawaiian Bank continues to be an integral part of the community and has enjoyed strong relationships within the Guam and CNMI region as a result of Laura's outstanding leadership. She adeptly managed First Hawaiian's network of branch-

es and ATMs and formed numerous partnerships to better serve our customers," Ono said. "We want to wish

Laura all the best in her retirement. We appreciate her years of dedication and commitment to First Hawaiian. She has developed a solid local management team and I am confident that as interim region manager, Ed Untalan will continue to build upon Laura's many achievements."

Untalan is currently senior vice president and the Maite Banking Center manager, a position he has held since 2009. He joined First Hawaiian in 2004 as assistant vice president and team leader at the Maite Banking Center. He was promoted to vice president and Maite Banking Center manager in 2006.

Prior to joining First Hawaiian, Untalan worked for the Guam Economic Devel-

opment Authority for seven years in various roles including its executive director. He also previously worked at the Bank of Guam as vice president and branch manager.

The other members of the region's local management team on Guam and Saipan include:

- Maria Calvo, currently vice president and Dededo Branch manager, will continue in that role on Guam.

- Jose Garcia, vice president, will continue to serve as branch manager of the bank's Tamuning Branch on Guam.

- Juan Lizama, will continue to serve as vice president and area manager at the Gualo Rai Branch in Saipan.

- Vicky Concepcion, will continue in her role as assistant vice president and Oleai Branch manager in Saipan.

First Hawaiian Bank (www.fhb.com) with \$19.3 billion assets, was founded in 1858 and is Hawaii's largest bank. The bank operates 57 branches in Hawaii, three in Guam and two in the CNMI. **(PR)**



Dacanay

Kagman schools PTSA meeting tomorrow

Calling all Kagman Schools Stakeholders! Kagman Elementary, Chacha Middle, and Kagman High are inviting all stakeholders to the next PTSA meeting scheduled for April 21, 2016 at 5pm at the Kagman Elementary School Cafeteria.

Agenda items to be discussed will focus on American Red Cross announcements and Chamorro and Carolinian immersion program. **(PR)**

AMP Visitor Center closed on April 25

The public is advised the American Memorial Park Visitor Center will be closed on Monday, April 25, 2016, due to

mandatory training for all park personnel. The Visitor Center will resume normal hours of operations on Tuesday, April

26, 2016, at 9am.

For more information on the park please visit: www.nps.gov/amme. **(PR)**

NPS to celebrate centennial under DOI this year

As the National Park Service enters its 100th year under the U.S. Department of Interior, Secretary Sally Jewell is working on fresh and creative ways to connect a new, diverse generation of Americans to the great outdoors and all public lands to ensure that national, state and territory parks, public lands, and waters are relevant to all Americans in the next century.

The administration would like your support by embracing the opportunities to explore, learn, be inspired, or simply have fun at the American Memorial Park this week or historical sites in the Northern Mariana Islands and to better understand how NPS' community-based recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs positively impact our communities.

The following events will take place this week in celebration of the centennial and national park week:

1. Governor's National Park Week Proclamation Signing on Wednesday, April 20 at 9:30am.

2. Film a Find Your Park Video: Record and share a video of you at your favorite park or historic site and tell viewers why it is special to

you. Upload and post on facebook.com/nationalparkservice and share to the Office of the Press Secretary.

3. Capitol Campout Photo Contest – Pitch up a tent, embrace the great outdoors and submit your best campout photos via email for a chance to meet Governor Ralph DLG Torres and have your photo signed and hung in the halls of Capitol Hill.

4. Build Your Shelter Challenge: Calling all outdoor enthusiasts!

- Shelter must be made out of natural resources or recycled materials

- Can be as creative as possible but still functional

- Be built in an area where camping is allowed

- Camp area must be outdoors

All submissions must be sent to cnmiparkweek@gmail.com with full name and contact information by Sunday, April 24, 2016.

One photo contest winner and three Build Your Shelter winners will receive giveaways and get their photographs signed by the governor.

For more information, email cnmiparkweek@gmail.com or call 237-2238.



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ANNOUNCEMENT

The CNMI WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program is now accepting Vendor Application for the Capitol Hill geographical areas on Saipan.

Interested vendors may pick up an application at the main office located on Upper Navy Hill Building #N-25, starting April 20, 2016 through April 29, 2016 (Monday to Friday) or request for an application via email at fabianu@cnmiwic.org.

Applications must be submitted to the CNMI WIC Program Office no later than 4:00 p.m., April 29, 2016.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to carefully read through the information provided to ensure minimum qualifications are met.

Inquiries and technical questions may be directed to the Vendor Management Coordinator, Fabian M. Ulloa at (670) 664-4066, by email at fabianu@cnmiwic.org or facsimile at (670) 664-4069.

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/s/ Esther L. Muna
Chief Executive Officer
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

/s/ Erin Angela Camacho
WIC Program Administrator
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The CNMI WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program would like to inform WIC participants of Capitol Hill, Talafofo, I'denne, and As Teo that Sara Market II is no longer an authorized WIC vendor.

Participants living in these area are encouraged to shop at either Joeten Kagman Market in Kagman or I-Mart in Tanapag for the closest access to your WIC food benefits.

The CNMI WIC Program is working on authorizing a vendor on Capitol Hill so that they can continue to provide participants living in these areas easier access to your WIC food benefits.

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/s/ Erin Angela Camacho
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Warning, new heart findings may flummox your doctor

Millions of Americans take statins to cut their risk of heart disease. Study after study has shown these drugs, introduced in the late 1980s, to be effective.

But how do they function? For years researchers believed that statins worked by lowering cholesterol in the blood. Over the decades the “cholesterol hypothesis” has been refined as doctors learned more about different types of blood cholesterol — the dangerous LDL, and the protective HDL. Physicians began tailoring statin therapy to reduce LDL and raise HDL.

The drugs, along with advances in heart care and a national decline in smoking, worked spectacularly: While the rate of heart disease deaths continues to rise in most of the world, it has fallen significantly in the United States since the 1960s.

Still, a medical mystery lingers: The benefits of statins are proven, but the why remains in doubt. Recent studies of new (and more expensive) non-statin drugs that do the same thing that statins do — reduce bad cholesterol and raise good cholesterol — have not shown a similar benefit in preventing heart attacks. In some cases the newer drugs may have been associated with more heart attacks.

One researcher was blunt: “We had an agent that seemed to do all the right things. It’s the most mind-boggling question. How can a drug that lowers something that is associated with benefit not show any benefit?”

Put simply: Reducing a patient’s heart disease risk is not simply a matter of changing cholesterol levels.

A high level of LDL appears to correlate with the risk of having atherosclerosis, a build-up of plaque in the walls of arteries that can obstruct the flow of blood to the heart or brain. But that high level of LDL is not causing the artery-hardening disease by itself. If it were, those other drugs that reduce LDL should show the same benefits as statins — that is, fewer heart attacks and less heart disease.

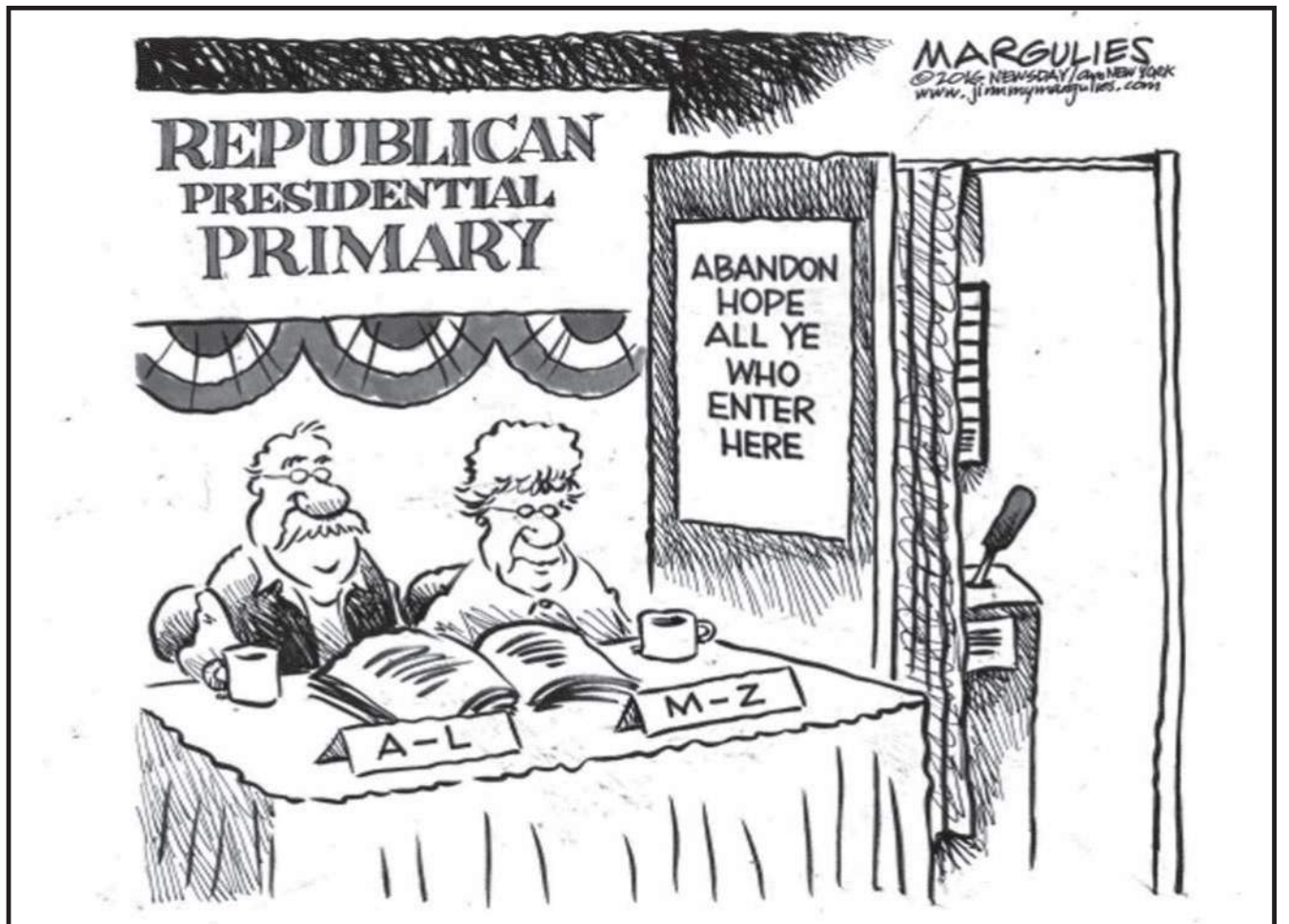
There is much to be discovered about how statins help people avoid heart attacks (and possibly strokes) by how these drugs affect blood vessels, blood and clotting.

This latest research suggests the primary way statins reduce heart risk is apparently not by changing HDL and LDL levels in the blood. Instead, cardiologists suspect that statins work through their beneficial effects on diseased artery walls rather than in the blood itself.

For physicians and researchers, the mystery of statins is another puzzler and a reminder that even the most cherished medical hypotheses may not stand up to intense scrutiny. Challenging assumptions is how medicine advances, how treatment improves.

For the pharmaceutical companies, the latest research means a trip back to the drawing board to develop new medicines to treat heart disease, especially for those patients who cannot tolerate statins.

And for patients? The essentials to avoid heart disease remain the same — eat a healthy diet, exercise often, avoid

See **WARNING** on Next Page

Seriosu Na Chenot Natibu

Guaha `nos kuantos chenot ni sumasapet i natibu piot gi bandan kanset. I Unibersidad iya Guam maregalu `nos kuantos miyon pesus para u estudiaye kanset pachot ginen usun pugua`.

Sumasaunau fondu para estudium kanset gi ligan kosas famalao`an. Dañkulu na fondu mania`ña i UOG para este na estidiu siha.

Umadiñgan-yu` yan un` mediku pot mampos ma-umenta numeron tautau-ta gi chenot daibites. Ha mensiona na i desde antigü na tiempu i tautau ti i`usa asukat ni finatinas fakteria.

Gaige naturat na asukat gi neñkano`ña deste sune, kamute, kakaguates, ikamas, choda, dagu, talisai, niyok yan otrü siha tinanomña.

Gi hinalom modetnu na modun linala` `nai ha tutuhon i tautau usun maprodusen asukat ginen faketeria. Dumaña` este yan `nai mafa` kustumbre konbiñiente mas na modun linala`. Preketu katsadan chenot daibites.

Asukat: I mafabrika na asukat un` ratutu ha` chinepchup ni siseteman tatautau-ta. Estague` umatisa tatikilu` na kantidan asukat gi halom haga`ta. Pinaték fuñgion parahiya para u lagnos naturat na asukat ni mafanana`an “insulin”. Tantu de ta afuetsas para u kalamten uttimoña mumalañgu. Estague` na puntu` nai ha hatme hit daibites.

Uttimoña i mafabrika na asukat ni debi u yinamag ni naturat na asukat ti masusede. Ha tutuhon sumeha kulan sewer gi gatdun paip ya ha tutuhon hit muna` fanchatsaga. Todu modun chenot finañagu nu este na chinatsaga.

Gigon daibites i tautau todü patte gi sanhalomña siempre u inaminasa nu este na chenot. Pininu` refñhionmu` nai uttimoña debi umakula gi sentriun dialysis. Los uttimu kontodu korasonmu u sinapet`nai matai fuñgsioña. Suhaye mafabrika na asukat!

Finana`gue: Sattun na finanague ginen mañaina-ta i para tafanachu gi dos adeñg-ta. Yangin mantension familia tinanahoñg pues ta dopla hit gi manera para tana` kabalise nesessidat-ta. Dañkulu na animu ni mafattu ginen finana`guen mañaina-ta desde`nai man-famaguon hit.

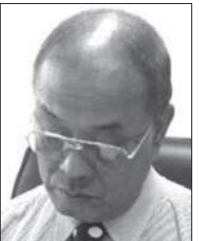
Hu chage machochu` gi puettun iya Tanapag man-umpañg 90 libra na simientu tres dias sinparat yan dos cheluhu. Kada unu ma-apase tres pesus gi dia. Diberas ayu solu na biahe`nai hu chage kontodu tolañg-hu yayas.

Kontodu che`chu` gualu kada finagpu` eskuela yan uttimun semana patte gi tarehan mame diariü. Ai na manlodu` tañgantañgan in` desmonta yan hale` gi lanchun iya Tagpochau. Ayu`nai in` tanume todü klasen ag`gun haya desde kuattru klasen sune, kamute, dagu, mendioka, todü klasen choda yan nika. Kontodu saki masuesuette ginen tinanum mame!

Dispues mattu un` tihun mame kumekeha as tatau na masakenguan-gue` manadan tinanomña. Ilegña i amku` tai bisnis

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands. All views expressed by the author are his/her own and do not necessarily reflect the opinion and stance of the Saipan Tribune.



kumeha sa` ginen un` tiempu guiya lokue` hagas fotten sakín lancheria gi santatte na patte Saipan. Dios mihu!

Luseru: Kada unu gi entre hita gai luseru. Guiya ennau i malulog na konsensia-mu desde pinatgon-mu. Ennau na luseru un` u`usa diariü gi disposision asuntu siha.

Dudayu` kau un` masge` gi haf` dinanche pat lache. Gaige gi tatten hinassomu i metgot na luserun ha`animu. Ginen este na luseru mina` mas mauleg na amesta ta establese yan otrü. Kana-ha` hasan man-abag hit gi haf` propiu na che`chu` echu tautau.

Un` amiguha sessu hali`e luseru piot`an chatanmag ni man-i`ina ma`lag gi sanhaya na mapagahes paraisu. Likidu na pution ni maliñgu ininaña`an kahulu` i atdau. Umanog ta`lu dispues de lemlen tautau.

Este na luseru debi u guaha mas finana`gue gi famaguon-ta siha. Debi ta talun` gumuagat famaguon-ta ineyag respetu, hinimidde, yan otrü siha bittu ni man-benefisiosu para siha. Sumasaunau matatpañge, dottrina, primet komunión, yan makonfitmasión. Sumen mauleg yangin in` rikohe familia`an Dameño go ya infan hamyu man-hosne misa. ---

Homestead: `Nai ha lagnos si Moses i Israelitas siha ginen Ehiptu ha pega giya Jordan kumu petmanente na lugat niha. I otrü banda mababa ya ma-establese homestead para todus ni manatte lau ti Israelitas. Pues desde ayu na tiempu guaha programan homestead.

I namanman na asuntu dispues de ha puta` si Moses i tasi para una` fansafu i Israelitas i sen ti sinede ni Saina para u tatiye i linahyan para i otrü banda. Lau ha osge matago`ña estake todü manfelis. Kasse guaha mas malagu` i Saina gi as Moses.

Tarehamu: Ilegña i mañainata, “I Saina sen man-apase.” Este na finu` man-amku` sosopla sustansia. Yangin ilegmu na soplu hau`nai un` tailayie un` tautau cha`mu malelefa na siempre u fattu tarehamu. `Nai nina`e hau ni pattemu diberas esta dodopple ni sumen makat gi mismu tiempu! Ni kuantu na halan talañga ti bali!

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Pot Chaleg: Dispues de ha patte si Yuus Tata i tautau siha para

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Building an open public value chain

Fiscal transparency is critical not only to investors who will be the market of \$65 billion in emerging market bonds that are estimated to be issued this year, but to governments who want to fulfill their social contract with the people they serve. In certain studies of emerging economies, transparency was cited as positively correlated with higher credit ratings and lower borrowing costs. But for transparency to be effective, it must not only be treated as an act in isolation; transparency and openness must be an attitude for reform.

In the case of the Philippines, transparency became valuable when it was used to generate insights, design policy actions, and open feedback loops for the public to participate in our reform programs. Our leadership philosophy is this: we must be the first to point out our areas of weakness so we can work at strengthening these with the people we serve.

If there are value chains for businesses, we must look at government reforms through the lens of a public value chain, of which transparency is just the first step. We view them with the end in mind: Open Data must evolve into Open Insights, Open Actions, Open Evaluations, and Open Participation. Politics is critical to building and growing confidence in this open public value chain. I served as the Secretary of Finance under two different presidents and my two terms yielded very different results. It is like night and day: President Aquino, believing that good governance is good economics, prides himself in being a “fiscaler” who can take the long view on fiscal reforms, instead of yielding to short-term populist measures. As a result, our country, which used to be called the Sick Man of Asia, has gone out of a vicious cycle into a virtuous cycle supported by strong macroeconomic fundamentals and fiscal prudence.

This public value chain framework can be seen through our budget process. Before, when budgets were not passed on time, the previous year’s budget was re-enacted. Mid-year changes to these budgets were opaque and rarely reported. Under President Aquino, our budget was passed on time for all of his six years in office. Open Data has given the public access to more than 2,000 data sets, including specific information on schools, roads, taxes; and now, Open Insights can be generated from budget data in file formats that can be easily analyzed by the public.

Our Zero-Based Budgeting approach means that we do not base our National Budget on whether budget items were funded in the previous year. Agencies are required to show that these projects are needed ever year. Open Actions and Open Evaluations can be seen through our Performance-Informed Budget reforms. For budget accountability, agencies are now required to inform the public about their reform commitments and performance. For example, to get their budget, our Department of Social Welfare and Development needs to report that they have covered 4.6 million families under our conditional cash transfer program, our Department of Public Works and Highways needs to disclose their target of building 31,242 km of national roads,

our Bureau of Immigration needs to disclose that they commit to processing 99% of entries and exits within 40 seconds. It is now possible to match resource allocation with performance.

The results of this open public value chain are clearly positive for our people. A regression analysis shows that the government’s capital outlays during the more transparent budget regime of the past six years was more highly correlated with GDP growth (with a coefficient of 0.88), than that of the previous ten years spanning July 2000 to June 2010 (with a coefficient of 0.72).

Transparency has not just yielded growth; it has also yielded better competition and wider fiscal space. Because of procurement transparency and competitive bidding, in 2015 alone, our public works department saved P6 billion (\$130 million) in costs of building roads and bridges. Requiring agencies to post bids at our Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (or PhilGEPS) website save us least P58 million (\$1.3 million) in advertising costs every year. Our General Appropriations Act-as-Release Document reform facilitated the release of funds without the need to issue individual allotments. For appropriation items that really need individual clearance for release, we set clear conditions and guidelines and removed a significant degree of discretion to avoid opportunities for corruption. This allowed us to triple the release rate of our total budget in the first month of the year from 23 percent in January 2010 to 64 percent in January 2016. Because we removed the need to issue an additional release order from our budget department and implemented the policy of conducting public bidding activities short of award, our agencies can now obligate contracts and implement projects and programs on the first day of the fiscal year. This saved us 3 to 4 months in the procurement process and allowed us to spend quicker on critical social programs. Our spending in full year 2015 was 13 percent faster than the previous year as a result.

Furthermore, openness has allowed the public to openly participate in the crafting of the budget. Our Budget Partnership Agreements have allowed urban poor communities to add P1.3 billion (\$30 million) worth of programs to the budget of our National Housing Authority. Our Bottom Up Budgeting program allowed 30,408 civil society organization (CSO) representatives in 1,514 local government units nationwide to participate in developing local poverty reduction action plans. In 2016, 14,324 Bottom Up Budgeting proposals amounting to Php 24.7 billion (\$500 million) were funded under the National Budget. For example, through the BUB, a poor community in Mindanao now has access to potable water supply, resulting into a dramatic reduction of skin and water-borne diseases in the municipality. Because this approach has been proven to work, this year, we are expanding BUB to our most basic unit of government: the barangay. This year, we launched Barangay Bottom Up Budgeting to cover programs of 12,000 barangays in preparation for the 2017 Budget. By 2019, all 42,036 barangays will be covered.

By **CESAR V. PURISIMA**

Cesar V. Purisima is the Secretary of Finance of the Republic of the Philippines. Below is his opening remarks for the Government Initiative for Fiscal Transparency, Open Society Foundation held in Washington, D.C. last April 15.



We also applied the public value chain approach to our revenue reform programs. We estimate that every year, the Philippines loses P200 billion (\$4 billion) from smuggling and P400 billion (\$8 billion) from tax evasion. Our approach is a bias towards regular execution: we manage our bureaucracy like clockwork through weekly or monthly deliverables. Through Open Data, we release import-level data for customs every month, release incisive Open Insights through newspaper ads every Wednesday, and Openly Act on these insights by filing tax evasion, smuggling and anti-corruption cases every Thursday. We allow the public to Openly Evaluate and Participate in this work by anonymously reporting errant employees and businesses through our Pera ng Bayan website. Since 2013, we have released more than

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Closing the barn after...

What will a \$1,000 gun tax on law-abiding citizens do to curb lawlessness amongst the cities that allow felons and the like to purchase illegal weapons from those that have obtained them themselves illegally? This is tantamount to closing the barn door after the cattle, the horses, the sheep, the pigs, the chickens, have long since been eaten by the same such felons.

Paul Engle
Idaho

American Heart Association supports taxing sugary drinks

The American Heart Association supports the proposed 4 cents per ounce tax on sugary drinks and congratulates the Northern Mariana Island Senate for passing the bill unanimously. Not only will half of the revenue from the tax go to ensure that all Commonwealth residents have access to health care, the increased cost of sugary drinks may encourage people to rethink their drinks and choose water and other unsweetened beverages instead. In 2014, Mexico implemented a peso per liter tax on sugary drinks and the volume of sugary drinks purchased declined month after month while the purchase of healthier drinks increased.

Too much added sugar in your diet significantly increases your risk of developing type 2 diabetes, heart disease and stroke. The American Heart Association recommends that women have no more than six teaspoons and men have no more than nine teaspoons of added sugar in their diets each day. Sugary drinks are the largest source of added sugars in our diets with almost nine teaspoons in a single 12-ounce can.

Thank you to Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro, chair of the Health and Welfare Committee and the initial sponsor of the bill that passed the House of Representatives, for her continuing effort to improve the quality of life for the people of the Commonwealth. We hope that the House of Representatives will pass the Senate version of the bill, and that Governor Torres will sign the bill into law.

Rose Marie Robertson, M.D., FAHA
Chief Science & Medical Officer
American Heart Association

SERIOSU

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todu patte gi tanu, sige hu tatiye kau guaha rasan Chamorro yan manu na lugat `nai mapega.

Kasse guiya este kumonfitma haf` na Cha`mu `sino Moru mafana` an rasan Chamorro. Buente aguagat gi manu na nasion `nai mapega na kada ratu ma-esalague “cha`,mu”.

Seguru-yu` na gaige gi entalu` nasion iya Asia `nai doku` i Chamorro. Dispues `nai o` sun mafa` si kopas ha fedus galaide`ña ya lumayag para iya Marianas. Lau kabilosu na fina`ngu ya mes`ngon gi todumattiru.

Kuattu na nasion kumefunas i Chamorro lau ni unu felis. Maseha `ña`ngon lau ha usa li`nguahiña mina` ti mafnas i finu` Chamorro. Ha praktika tradisiona gi halom bara`ña na katsada ya safu. Haf` na katu ni un` gotde gi halom kostat ya un` yute.

WARNING

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tobacco, stay trim and keep your blood pressure under control.

And let’s stress one warning: None of this research means you should stop taking statins. The drugs remain a mainstay of treatment for patients who have heart disease and in selected patients where the goal is to prevent heart disease.

But know this: Just because you have low LDL and high HDL,

Sigiente dia gaige ta`lu gi menan potta-mu sige man-estotba para umana` chochu.

■ ■ ■

Kantan Lata: Kada hu bisita i amigu hu Magoo ya tai lateria (sitbesa) ha tutuhon kumanta para una` magem-yu`. Ayu na kantaña mas yahu pot guinaia. Ilelegña, “I refuse to over you, I refuse to listen to...”

Gigon ha saulag este nahoñg para mediu kes Lite na sitbesa. Era, hu sosoda` mañge` chaleghu gi palabraña “I refuse to over”. `An un` akompara yan haf` gaige gi finu` Chamorro sen ti uma-ya. Lau fotmat ha kantaye-yu`.

Dispues ha sañgan grasiaña `nai matugue` gi gima` un` amiguña ni chatpagu. Todu man-estaba gi lamasa mañgakate ya man-a`akobla haye mas bonitu. Ilegña si Magoo na tapbla sa` todum chatpagu ya tiha komprende haf` na para u fan a`akopbla. Dios mihu!

you’re not home free. Based on your risk factors and medical history, you could need a statin. Ask your doctor if you should be taking a statin, and why.

Meanwhile, keep your cholesterol numbers in check. Remember, nearly 1 in 4 Americans dies of heart disease. It is still the leading cause of death in the United States.


How statins work remains a mystery. That they work isn’t.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly cloudy with isolated light showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.

▲88° ▼77°


THURSDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated light showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.

▲88° ▼77°


FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated light showers.

▲88° ▼76°


SATURDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated light showers.

▲88° ▼76°

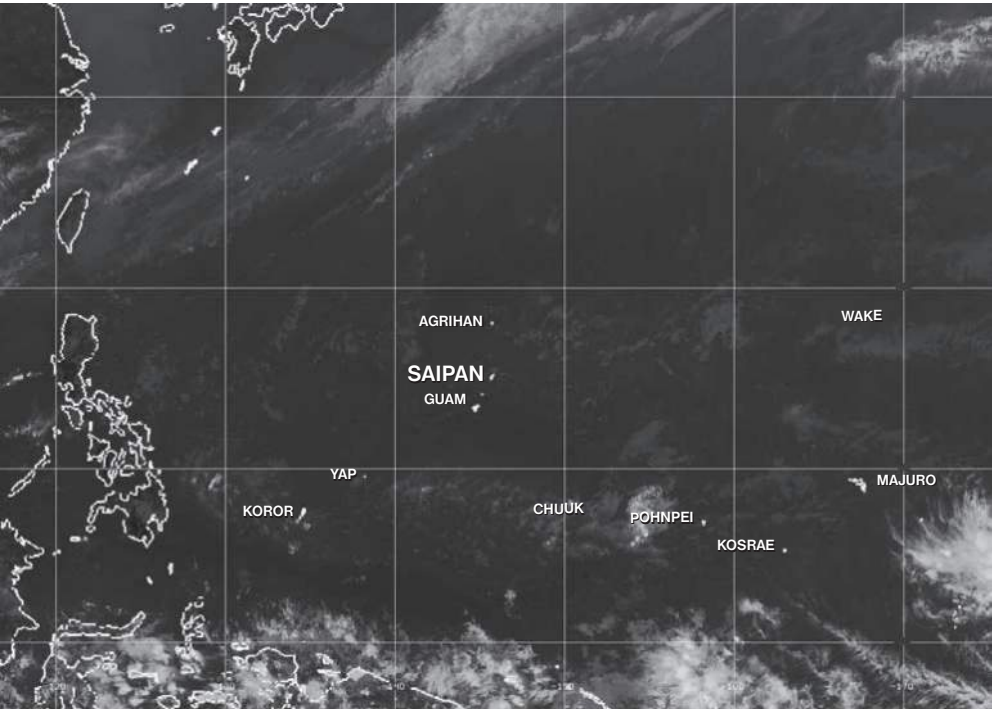
SUNDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated light showers.

▲88° ▼76°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



The satellite image shows the Western North Pacific region. Key locations labeled include AGRIHAN, SAIPAN GUAM, WAKE, YAP, KOROR, CHUUK, POHNPEI, KOSRAE, and MAJURO. The image displays cloud formations and weather patterns over the area.


PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers near Chuuk and east of Yap within 90 miles of a line from 10N143E to 7N156E. Low-level convergence is triggering scattered showers south of Koror south of a line from 1N131E to 1N140E. Another trade-wind disturbance near the date line is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east and southeast of Majuro between 2N and 8N from 172E to 180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲ 87	▼ 79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 88	▼ 77
Yap	Showers	▲ 90	▼ 79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 88	▼ 79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71	▼ 56
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 81	▼ 49
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 80	▼ 74
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 80	▼ 70
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 58	▼ 44
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲ 86	▼ 58
Manila	Sunny	▲ 96	▼ 78
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲ 84	▼ 65
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 81	▼ 68
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 70	▼ 48
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲ 69	▼ 57
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲ 65	▼ 49
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 66	▼ 48
Rome	Sunny	▲ 77	▼ 54
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲ 86	▼ 53
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72	▼ 53
Seoul	Cloudy	▲ 67	▼ 53
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲ 65	▼ 56
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83	▼ 49



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PAPA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
1:40 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
7:37 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
2:14 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
8:11 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:00 AM	6:32 PM
Thursday	5:59 AM	6:32 PM
Friday	5:59 AM	6:33 PM
Saturday	5:58 AM	6:33 PM
Sunday	5:57 AM	6:33 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	5:03 PM	4:38 AM
Thursday	5:50 PM	5:16 AM
Friday	6:37 PM	5:55 AM
Saturday	7:25 PM	6:34 AM
Sunday	8:13 PM	7:16 AM

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DEPARTURES						ARRIVALS								
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)						GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN								
UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily			UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily					
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily			UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily					
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota			UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7					
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6			UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota					
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily			UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily					
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily			UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily					
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)						GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)								
UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7			UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6					
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)						ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN								
UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7			UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6					
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN								
DL297	4:20pm	7:10pm	Daily			DL298	10:35am	3:10pm	Daily					
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN								
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1			7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily					
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7					
OZ628	3:50am	7:40am	Daily			OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6					
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily			OZ627	9:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily					
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily			7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily					
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)						BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN								
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7			OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6					
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN								
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7			3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7					
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)						BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN								
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7			MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6					
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)						GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN								
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6			3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5					
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN								
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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Public Health advises against uses of e-cigarettes

The Division of Public Health has advised against the use of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems or ENDS.

It said the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has not approved ENDS, also known as e-cigarettes or vapes, as a safe smoking cessation tool.

Additionally, DPH and FDA said:

■ Nicotine poses dangers to pregnant women and fetuses, children, and adolescents. Youth use of nicotine in any form, including ENDS, is unsafe.

■ Nicotine is highly addictive.

■ Nicotine is toxic to developing fetuses and impairs fetal brain and lung development.

■ Because the adolescent brain is still developing, nicotine use during adolescence can disrupt the formation of

brain circuits that control attention, learning, and susceptibility to addiction.

■ Poisonings have resulted among users and non-users due to ingestion of nicotine liquid, absorption through the skin, and inhalation.

■ E-cigarette exposure calls to poison centers increased from one per month in September 2010 to 215 per month in February 2014, and over half of those calls were regarding children ages 5 and under.

■ According to the Surgeon General, the evidence is already sufficient to warn pregnant women, women of

reproductive age, and adolescents about the use of nicotine-containing products such as smokeless tobacco, dissolvables, and ENDS as alternatives to smoking.

DPH and FDA said e-cigarettes have not been fully studied, so consumers currently don't know potential risks of e-cigarettes when used as intended, how much nicotine or other potentially harmful chemicals are being inhaled during use, or whether there are any benefits associated with using these products.

It is also possible that the use of e-cigarettes leads young

people to try other tobacco products, including conventional cigarettes.

In the U.S. nationwide, e-cigarette use among middle and high school students tripled from 2013 to 2014, according to data published by the CDC and the FDA's Center for Tobacco Products (CTP).

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has prohibited the use of ENDS on premises since 2015, and, due to the recent signing of Public Law 19-32 it is now illegal to use e-cigarettes in places where smoking is prohibited by the Smoke-Free Air Act.

The Smoke-Free Air Act of 2008 or Public Law 16-46, which now includes e-cigarettes, prohibits smoking in government buildings and vehicles, public places, places of employment, and school and college campuses.

To report a suspected violation of the Smoke-Free Air Act, visit www.chcc.gov.mp and click on the banner of the smoke-free symbol titled "Clean Air Violations" to file a complaint. Alternatively, if you wish to report a violation via telephone, call (670) 323-QUIT (7848).

To learn more about ENDS,

and for more about the research behind the facts stated in this article, read the "Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems: Key Facts" from the CDC Office on Smoking and Health found at the following link:

<http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/stateandcommunity/pdfs/ends-key-facts2015.pdf>

The FDA has approved over-the-counter nicotine replacement products, including nicotine patches, nicotine gum, and nicotine lozenges, and some prescription-only smoking cessation tools. For free help to quit, call (670) 323-QUIT (7848). **(PR)**

FOR 20TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC!

Hyatt Regency gets coffee donation from Marianas Coffee

Hyatt Regency Saipan received 200 packages of Hyatt coffee from event partner and supplier Marianas Coffee in support of the upcoming 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic tournament.

A platinum sponsor, Marianas Coffee's donation is valued at \$2,600. The proceeds of the event will go to the event's primary beneficiary, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, aiding them in their mission to grant wishes to children with life-threatening diseases; and the Northern Marianas Trades Institute as a secondary beneficiary as they continue in their mission to develop and train essential trade skills to enhance our community.

Hyatt Regency took its first delivery of Marianas Coffee in the fall of 2005. Since that time the hotel has enjoyed a great partnership with owners Chuck and Ann Jordan.

"Our guests have been the beneficiaries of their innova-



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From left, Hyatt Regency Saipan Human Resources director Josephine Mesta, Hyatt Regency Food and Beverage director Ty Pauling, Marianas Coffee owners Chuck and Ann Jordan, and Hyatt Regency Food and Beverage assistant director of Seiji Shindo pose for a photo.

tive marketing and strong focus on delivering premium quality with a local identity. We are extremely grateful to the Marianas Coffee family for their constant support of our island community. Though we are deeply sad-

dened by the recent loss of Ann, we are honored by the generosity of this donation from the enterprise both she and Chuck have put so much of themselves into," said Ty Pauling, Hyatt Regency Food and Beverage director.

Registered golfers for the upcoming Hyatt Regency 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic tournament qualify for a special practice rate of \$35 per golfer at Laolao Bay Golf and Resort commencing April 11, 2016 until the

tournament.

Hyatt Regency will hold its 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic event at Laolao Bay Golf and Resort west course on April 23. For more information, contact 234-1234 ext. 26. **(PR)**

BUILDING

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100 "Tax Watch" ads which identify importers that undervalued goods at customs—like undervalued trucks worth only P83,000 (\$1,800) and cans of SPAM costing P5 (\$0.10 cents). Through regular analyses of a special unit which we created in 2012 called the DOF Fiscal Intelligence Unit, we discovered that 1 in every 10 lawyers in several key cities declared zero income tax and that certain rich celebrities that did not file tax returns. As a result we improved tax collections from self-employed professionals, like doctors, by 14 percent, a collection improvement equivalent to the salaries of 21,000 additional public health nurses. Over the past six years, our weekly Thursday cases have resulted

into more than 420 tax evasion cases and 140 smuggling cases covering P100 billion (\$2.2 billion) in duties and taxes. Through a new law, the Tax Incentives Management and Transparency Act, for the first time, more than P144 billion worth of tax breaks (\$3.2 billion or 1.4 percent of GDP) will be reported in our National Budget, and the public will have a chance to critique our overly generous tax incentives regime.

We have also applied the principle of transparency to our local treasurers. In 2012, 30 percent of our 1,700 local treasurers from cities, provinces, and municipalities did not submit financial reports. But when we started publishing the names of errant treasurers and when we wrote to each of them about their violations and possible sanctions, reporting

compliance improved to 99.5 percent in 2015. Over the past six years we have effectively doubled locally sourced income from P75 billion in 2009 to P140 billion in 2015 (with 15 percent growth in 2015 alone, which was the year we ramped up our monitoring and transparency efforts). We use this reporting compliance as a basis for promoting local treasurers, along with their scores on local treasurer exams which we conducted last year. Notably, only 16 percent of our local treasurers and assessors passed our basic competency exam. We will use this individual assessment data to design learning interventions to professionalize our local treasuries. Again, here we see the public value chain framework at work.

Government recruitment has also been more transpar-

ent. Through an initiative by young public servants in our department, we partnered with a jobs matching startup called Kalibr. So far we have posted 4,000 government posts from 14 agencies and received 60,000 applications, making government vacancies 15 times oversubscribed. It is no longer true that no one wants to join government.

As a result of this public value chain approach, we got an investment grade rating for the first time in 2013 on the back of improved revenue generation, better debt management, and budget performance. And this virtuous cycle continues to positively impact the money our citizens hold: we estimate that because of lower borrowing rates from greater market confidence, we have saved companies P52 to P157 billion (\$1.2 billion-\$3.5

billion) in interest payments from corporate loans from 2009 to 2014, we have saved consumers P23 to P68 billion (\$500 million-\$1.5 billion) in interest payments from consumer loans from 2006 to 2014, and we have freed up government's fiscal space by P118 billion (\$2.6 billion) from 2011 to 2014. Our interest payments as a percent of the budget decreased from 33 percent in 2005 to 14 percent in 2015, improving our ability to spend more of our budget on productive social expenditures. Wider fiscal space over the past six years has allowed us to invest in our people: we have doubled our education budget, doubled our infrastructure budget, tripled our health budget, and increased our social welfare budget by at least six times.

We firmly believe that trans-

parency breeds confidence, increases accountability, and improves public service results. Transparency is the first step to building a country's public value chain, and I invite fellow governments to take this first step with us.

As I close this speech, I would like to float these questions to my fellow finance ministers which we can discuss at the appropriate time: What are the types of political and technical challenges that you (other MoFs) face in introducing fiscal transparency reforms and what external assistance, if any, might be helpful in overcoming these obstacles? And to investors and credit raters who are here: Are there specific types of fiscal data and systems that you look out for when you assess a country's creditworthiness?

NOAA explores deepwater habitats in MTT

HONOLULU—Are you curious about deepwater habitat or marine animals in the Pacific Ocean? Fortunately, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration has an unmanned remotely operated vehicle that can dive to 6,000 meters or 3.7 miles deep. The dives will be broadcasted live from the seafloor, allowing anyone with internet access to witness remote protected areas and the unique natural and cultural resources within them.

On April 20, NOAA and partners will embark on a three-cruise expedition aboard NOAA Ship Okeanos Explorer to explore unknown and little studied areas in and around the Mari-

anas Trench Marine National Monument (MTMNM) and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Throughout the expedition, the at-sea and shore-based science teams will work together to make some of the first deepwater scientific observations in the region. The team expects to explore bottomfish habitats, new hydrothermal vent sites, mud volcanoes, deep-sea coral and sponge communities, sea-mounts, as well as subduction zone and trench areas.

“The data and images collected by the Okeanos Explorer expedition team will greatly improve our understanding of the diversity and distribu-

»NOAA Fisheries to share live video feed from NOAA Ship Okeanos Explorer

tion of deepwater habitats in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument,” stated Samantha Brooke, NMFS Marine National Monuments Program Manager.

The Okeanos Explorer is the first and only federal vessel with a mission to explore the unknown ocean. Using deep water mapping sonars and a fully integrated dual-body ROV, missions are conducted to systematically explore poorly known areas of the deep ocean identified as

priority by the ocean science and management community. Throughout operations, telepresence is used to engage scientists and managers from on-shore locations in real-time so they can collaborate and help guide operations in real-time. Simultaneously, the thousands of general public viewers can tune in online to watch and listen to the ongoing exploration. High definition video feeds of round-the-clock operations, including ROV dives, will be streamed live online from April through July 2016.

The first cruise leg runs from

April 20 through May 11 and will conduct 24-hour operations including daytime ROV dives and overnight mapping. Dive sites are expected to include hydrothermal vent sites and sites of interest to fisheries, including deep-sea coral and bottom fish habitats in the southern half of the CNMI and MTMNM.

The second cruise runs from May 20 through June 11 and will focus on mapping in the northern half of the MTMNM and CNMI Exclusive Economic Zone. Mapping priorities will include previously unmapped areas, trench/subduction zone areas, and areas likely to host mud volcanoes.

The last cruise runs from

June 17 through July 10 and also includes daytime ROV dives and overnight mapping operations in the northern half of the CNMI and MTMNM.

The expedition is part of a three-year foundational science effort focused on deepwater areas of U.S. marine protected areas in the central and western Pacific. It provides publicly accessible baseline data to spur further exploration, research, and management activities.

NOAA’s mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth’s environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and to conserve and manage our coastal and marine resources. Join us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and our other social media channels. **(PR)**

The 18th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden will be held every Saturday evening during May 2016 in celebration of Tourism Month.

The Marianas Visitors Authority has confirmed 14 food and three beverage vendors for the event at American Memorial Park, which features international cuisine at affordable prices from local hotels and restaurant vendors, non-stop live entertainment on the main stage, nightly contests on the secondary stage, and arts and crafts sales. The festival will be held from 6pm to 10pm each Saturday (closing at 11pm on the final night).

“As the MVA celebrates its 40th anniversary this year, we look forward to again hosting the Taste of the Marianas in May for our visitors and local community,” said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. “It’s a proven recipe of great food and great entertainment, and we’re looking forward to welcoming visitors and residents, alike.”

Participating food vendors will be Coral Ocean Point Resort, D’Elegance, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Furusato Res-

14 food, 3 beverage vendors confirmed for Taste of the Marianas



The 18th Annual Taste of the Marianas will be held every Saturday during May 2016 Tourism Month beginning at 6pm at the American Memorial Park.

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aurant, Herman’s Modern Bakery, Hula Girl, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kanoa Resort, Mariana Resort & Spa, Matty’s BBQ, Sierra’s Pearl

Shakes, Thai House Restaurant, Tony Roma’s/Capriccioso, and Tropical Chill.

Beverage vendors will be MARPAC, Northern Marian-

as Bartenders Association, and Pacific Trading Co.

May Tourism Month will also be marked by the semi-annual Tourism Industry

Cleanup led by Japan Saipan Travel Association on April 23 before Japan’s Golden Week holiday. Residents are also encouraged to show their sup-

port by observing “Hafa Adai Tirow Spirit” Islandwear Fridays and trying their luck with Tourism Trivia at participating radio stations. **(PR)**

House Appropriations Committee approves Guam provisions

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo announced that the House Committee on Appropriations approved the fiscal year 2017 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill by voice vote. The bill and accompanying report include provisions supported by Congresswoman Bordallo to continue progress on the realignment of Marines from Okinawa to Guam and address concerns of local veterans with health care they receive on islands.

Bordallo worked with House appropriators to include report language that directs the Government Ac-

countability Office (GAO) to review the staffing, outreach, scheduling and access management practices at the VA’s Pacific Islands Healthcare System, which has jurisdiction over Guam. This addresses concerns raised by local veterans and Senator Frank Aguon Jr. over the quality of care veterans on Guam receive, and the Committee directs the GAO to report their findings within six months of the bill’s enactment into law.

Further, the bill appropriates the entire President’s Budget of \$248,685,000 for military construction on Guam. The projects requested in the FY17 budget support the buildup as

well as on-going operations which includes the hardening of select military facilities. A complete table of military construction projects is below.

“I continue to work diligently with my colleagues to continue progress on the realignment of Marines to Guam and address concerns that have been raised by our veteran community regarding health care they receive on Guam. I am pleased that House appropriators have directed the GAO to study quality of care and staffing levels within the VA’s Pacific



Bordallo

Islands Healthcare System. This is in direct response to challenges experienced by Guam’s local veterans, and I believe that this will provide much needed insight as we continue to address these issues. I appreciate the partnership of Senator Frank Aguon, as well as leaders in our veterans’ community, who continue to work collaboratively with me to ensure that our veterans receive the care they deserve.

I am also pleased that House Appropriators have supported President Obama’s budget re-

quest and fully funded \$248 million in military construction projects for Guam. This continues to demonstrate our commitment to the rebalance strategy and the role that Guam plays in this process. Further, it contains funding that continues the progress we are making in moving the realignment forward. I also appreciate that the Committee funds critical projects at Andersen to continue to make it a viable forward operating platform to defend Guam, our homeland, and our allies in the region. I will continue to advocate for these provisions and ensure that they are enacted into law.”

The committee directs GAO to review the staffing, outreach, scheduling, and access management practices at the Department of Veterans Affairs Pacific Islands Healthcare System and report to the Committee not later than six months after enactment of this Act. The report should include comparisons between the VA Pacific Islands Healthcare System and VA healthcare in the continental U.S. on the following measures: healthcare quality; patient waiting times; follow up care appointment delays; community-based outpatient clinic (CBOC) staffing levels and retention; staff working environment; and outreach programs. **(PR)**

Business

Should woman go on \$10 bill or \$20 bill?

WASHINGTON (AP)—Should Andrew Jackson, America's seventh president, be worried? Is it true that his days on the \$20 bill may be numbered?

At the moment, Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew is keeping details of his decision close to the vest while promising an announcement soon.

Treasury officials declined to comment Monday on the specifics of a CNN report that Lew has decided to keep Hamilton on the \$10 bill, and instead replace Jackson's portrait on the \$20 bill with a woman who represents the struggle for racial equality.

CNN, quoting a senior government source, said that women will also be honored on the \$10 bill, the denomination next up to for redesign, with a mural-style depiction of the suffrage movement that will replace the current drawing of the Treasury building.

"As Secretary Lew said last week, we are going to make an



AP

In this March 2, 2006, file photo, a \$10 bill, featuring a likeness of Andrew Hamilton, the first U.S. Treasury secretary, is displayed at the National Archives gift shop, in Washington.

exciting set of announcements soon that involve the \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills," Treasury spokesman Joshua Drobnik said when asked to comment on the specifics of the CNN story.

Lew last week did offer some hints about where the decision may be headed in an interview with CNBC. He stressed that the government would not be just redesigning

the \$10 bill but also the \$5 bill and the \$20 bill.

"We're not just talking about one bill," Lew said. "We're not just talking about one picture on one bill. We're talking about using the front and the back of the bill to tell an exciting set of stories."

Lew suggested that it wouldn't be a woman's portrait on the \$10 note.

Netflix is out-HBOing HBO in exclusive shows—so far

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Look out, HBO. Netflix produced more original programming than cable's premium-network leader last year, according to number provided by the two rivals. The Internet video service isn't slowing down, either, even if it risks losing subscribers to price increases that will help pay for more exclusive shows.

Since its push into original shows kicked off in earnest with the 2013 debut of "House of Cards," Netflix has hit the fast-forward button. Last year, it put out 450 hours of original programming, compared to 401

from Time Warner's HBO. This year, both companies say they expect to release roughly 600 hours of original material.

HBO, of course, is the network Netflix CEO Reed Hastings set out to emulate when his service began charting a course away from streaming TV reruns and previously released movies. Ted Sarandos, the company's head of programming, famously told GQ back in 2013 that Netflix's goal was "to become HBO faster than HBO can become us."

Netflix is aiming to put itself into "an entirely different and supreme league" from its

rivals, says Tom Numan, a former TV network and studio executive who now lectures at UCLA's graduate school of theater, film and television. The company's goal, he says, is to become the first global network for original shows and movies.

With Netflix now available in 190 countries, Hastings expects Netflix to surpass 100 million subscribers next year. During a review of Netflix's results on Monday, Hastings declared the company "really excited" about the boost it expects from its growing library of exclusive programs.

Bill Campbell, mentor to Steve Jobs, other tech CEOs, dies

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Bill Campbell, a former Ivy League football coach who became a management guru for Apple co-founder Steve Jobs and other Silicon Valley luminaries, has died. He was 75.

His death Monday was confirmed by Kleiner Perkins Caufield Byers, a venture capital firm that often called

role in shaping the direction of both Apple and Google, two of the world's most powerful companies.

After working in marketing and sales at Apple during the 1980s, Campbell joined the company's board in 1997, shortly after Jobs returned as the company's CEO.

At the time, Apple was flirting with bankruptcy. Campbell frequently served as Jobs' sounding board during one of the most resounding corporate turnarounds in U.S. history as Apple first redesigned its Mac computer line and then rolled out the iPod, iPhone and iPad to emerge as the world most valuable company. Campbell ended his 17-year stint on Apple's board in 2014.

Campbell "believed in Apple when few people did and his contributions to our company, through good times and bad, cannot be overstated," Apple said in a Monday statement.

While working with Apple, Campbell played a behind-the-scenes role in Google's success, too. Prompted by Kleiner Perkins, Campbell worked with former Google CEO Eric Schmidt and company co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin to help them work out their early differences and eventually forge one of the most successful partnerships in corporate America.

Alphabet, Google's corporate parent, is now the world's second most valuable company, ranking only behind Apple.



Campbell

Nation

Clinton, Trump seek to quiet critics in New York primaries

NEW YORK (AP)—From a car wash in Queens to a hockey arena in Buffalo, both parties' presidential candidates spread out across New York Monday in a final quest for votes, a surreal scene for a state that hasn't experienced contested White House primaries in decades.

For Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump, victories in New York Tuesday could help quiet critics who have questioned their strength as front-runners. Each has suffered losses in recent contests that emboldened their rivals, though they still lead in delegate counts and are favored in New York.

Clinton, who represented the state as a senator for eight years, spent the final hours of campaigning trying to drive up turnout among women and minorities, her most ardent supporters. Since Sunday, she's danced to Latin music at a Brooklyn block party, vowed to defend

New York primary poll

Quinnipiac University polled 550 Republican voters and 860 Democratic voters in New York asking who they would vote for in the state's April 19 primary.



Democratic 247 delegates*

Clinton **53%**

Sanders **40%**

Undecided **7%**

Margin of error: +/-3.3%

*In the Democratic party, New York has an additional 44 delegates who are not required to vote based on state primary results

Source: Quinnipiac University

Republican 95 delegates

Trump **55%**

Kasich **20%**

Cruz **19%**

Undecided **6%**

Margin of error: +/-4.2%

Graphic: Tribune News Service

abortion rights to female supporters in Manhattan, prayed at black church in Westchester, drunk a bubble tea at a dumpling shop in Flushing and cheered newly unionized workers in Queens.

"We're not taking anything for granted," she said Monday after greeting workers at the Hi-Tek Car Wash & Lube in Queens. "Tell your friends and your family, everyone, to please vote tomorrow."

Clinton's campaign was

blunter in outlining the state of the Democratic race. Clinton's campaign manager Robby Mook declared the primary effectively over, saying Sanders faced a "close to impossible path to the nomination." With the contest between Sanders and Clinton becoming increasingly tense, Mook said the Vermont senator had to choose whether he wanted to stay on a "destructive path" that could hurt the party's eventual nominee.

Immigrant kids placed with adults who are in US illegally

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The vast majority of immigrant children who arrive alone at the U.S. border are placed by the government with adults who are in the country illegally, federal data reviewed by The Associated Press show.

The government has long said that it places the children with family and friends regardless of immigration status. But since more children began arriving on the border in 2014, officials have not revealed how often those sponsors lack legal papers.

In response to a Freedom of Information Act request,

the Department of Health and Human Services provided data showing that 80 percent of the 71,000 mostly Central American children placed between February 2014 and September 2015 were sent to sponsors who were not here legally.

Six percent were placed with adults who had temporary protected status, which has let some Central American citizens stay and work in the country legally for more than a decade. Four percent were sponsored by American citizens and 1 percent by immigrants facing deportation proceedings.

Most of the rest were

placed with sponsors who had other forms of legal status or who have filed immigration applications.

Tens of thousands of children from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras began arriving on the border in Texas in 2014, overwhelming border officials, overflowing government shelters and further backlogging the country's immigration courts.

Once apprehended by border agents, the children were placed in the care of Health and Human Services until caseworkers could screen and select suitable sponsors for them.

Split high court now holds fate of Obama immigration actions

WASHINGTON (AP)—Conservative Supreme Court justices expressed sharp skepticism about President Barack Obama's immigration efforts Monday, leaving his actions to help millions of people who are in the country illegally in the hands of a seemingly divided court.

As hundreds of pro-immigration demonstrators and a smaller number of opponents filled the sidewalk outside the court, the justices appeared to split along ideological and partisan lines over a case that pits Republican governors

and members of Congress against the Democratic administration.

President Barack Obama's administration is asking the justices to allow it to put in place two programs that could shield roughly 4 million people from deportation and make them eligible to work in the United States.

Texas is leading 26 states led by Republicans in challenging the programs that Obama announced in 2014 and that have been put on hold by lower courts. Those states say the ad-

ministration usurped power that belongs to Congress, and Justice Anthony Kennedy indicated some support for that view.

"It's as if ... the president is setting the policy and the Congress is executing it. That's just upside down," Kennedy said.

Chief Justice John Roberts also aggressively questioned Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr., suggesting there are few limits to the president's power under the administration's view of immigration law.

Asia

PH presidential candidate's rape remark condemned

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Australian ambassador and Philippine presidential candidates condemned the leading contender's remark at a campaign rally last week that he "should have been the first" to rape an Australian missionary who was assaulted and killed by prisoners in 1989.

Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte was speaking about the killings of 36-year-old Australian Jacqueline Hamill and four other missionaries during a hostage situation at a prison in his city. Soldiers stormed the prison after learning that a male hostage had been killed and female hostages were raped. All 16 convicts and five of the 15 hostages died.

"What came to my mind was they raped her, they took



In this March 10, 2016 file photo, Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte talks to the media prior to addressing seafarers organization in Manila, Philippines.

turns raping her," Duterte said at the rally last Tuesday. "Why did I get angry — because she was raped? Yes, that's part of the reason, but also because she was so beautiful and the mayor should have been first."

His supporters attending the rally laughed and cheered at the comments, making Duterte smile, as seen in YouTube video. But other politicians and social media users criticized the comments.

Searchers find body in twin Japan quakes, raising toll to 45

MINAMIASO, Japan (AP)—Searchers digging in a mountainous area of southern Japan where twin earthquakes triggered landslides found another body Tuesday, raising the likely death toll to 45.

Some 100,000 evacuees, some sleeping outdoors or in their cars, endured chilly weather and another large aftershock overnight that hit the southern island of Kyushu, near the city of Kumamoto.

Several soldiers carried the body down on a plastic tray covered with an olive-green tarp. Dozens of rescue workers continued to dig through the site where a mudslide is

believed to have buried several people.

Two other bodies were found late Monday. At least one appeared to be among the nine reported missing near the town of Minamiaso, according to Japanese media reports. The official death toll stood at 44, awaiting confirmation of the latest death.

After daybreak, Japanese broadcaster NHK showed people squatting at the curbside outside an evacuation center to brush their teeth with water from a green garden hose. The temperature was forecast to rise to 23 degrees Celsius (73 degrees Fahrenheit)

during the day, but fall to 8 degrees (46 F) Tuesday night.

Food and water shortages are plaguing the recovery effort, even as the search for the missing goes on in Minamiaso.

U.S. airlifts delivered water, bread, ready-to-eat food and other emergency supplies to the remote area of southern Japan stricken by the two powerful earthquakes.

Limited flights also resumed to Kumamoto Airport on Tuesday, but outbound passenger flights remain suspended because the terminal building is too damaged to handle security checks.

views on history and moves to strengthen Japan's defense.

Floods, landslides leave 6 missing in eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Rain-triggered floods and landslides left six villagers missing in eastern Indonesia, an official said Monday. National Disaster Management Agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said two days of rain caused the damage Sunday in a remote mountainous district of West Papua province. He said land transportation between the area and the provincial capital, Manokwari, was largely cut, isolating about 1,000 families. A rescue team with food supplies was sent to help search for the villagers, Sutopo said, adding that heavy equipment was still needed to clear roads and re-

move wreckage.

Bangladesh says 20 foreigners involved in theft from NY Fed

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Bangladesh investigators have determined that at least 20 foreigners were involved in the cybertheft of \$101 million from the Bangladesh central bank's account in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, a senior investigator said Monday. Shah Alam, an official with the Criminal Investigation Department of the Bangladesh police, said the suspects were identified after investigators visited Sri Lanka and the Philippines, where the stolen money was transferred. Alam would not disclose the names or nationalities of the suspects. He said more investigation is needed and officials may need to visit both countries again.

World

Rescuers race to find survivors from Ecuador's big earthquake

MANTA, Ecuador (AP)—Rescuers are in a race against time to find survivors from a powerful 7.8-magnitude earthquake as the death toll from Ecuador's strongest earthquake in decades has risen above 400.

On Monday, teams from Ecuador and neighboring countries fanned out across the country's Pacific coastline to look for the dozens of people still missing.

In the port city of Manta, a group of about 50 rescuers working with sniffer dogs, hydraulic jacks and a drill managed to free eight people trapped for more than 32 hours in the rubble of a shopping center that was flattened by Saturday night's quake.

The first rescue took place before dawn, when a woman was pulled head first from a nearly 2½-foot (70-centimeter) hole cut through concrete and steel. Firefighters applauded as she emerged from the debris, disoriented, caked in dust and complaining of



pain but otherwise in good health.

Another uplifting scene played out in nearby Portoviejo, where a cellphone call to a relative from under the debris of a collapsed hotel led searchers to Pablo Cordova, the hotel's administrator. Once he was gingerly removed, he was immobilized and hauled away

on a stretcher, his hands waving in the air in a sign of appreciation to cheering onlookers.

"Since Saturday, when this country started shaking, I've slept only two hours and haven't stopped working," said Juan Carranza, one of the firefighters leading the rescue effort in Portoviejo.

Despite such cheering moments, tragedy continued to mount. At the shopping center in Manta, authorities were working to free a woman they had found buried alive with a heavy concrete slab pinning her legs when an aftershock forced them to abandon the effort. When they returned the debris pile had moved and the woman was dead, said Angel Moreira, a firefighter coordinating the effort.

The government reported late Tuesday that the official death count had increased to 413 and said they expected the toll to rise further in the days ahead. Among the dead were an American and two Canadians.

US to send 200 more troops, Apache helicopters to Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP)—The U.S. has agreed to deploy more than 200 additional troops to Iraq and to send eight Apache helicopters for the first time into the fight against the Islamic State group in Iraq, the first major increase in U.S. forces in nearly a year, U.S. defense officials said Monday.

The uptick in American fighting forces—and the decision to put them closer to the front lines—is designed to help Iraqi forces as they move to retake the key northern city of Mosul.

Speaking to reporters Monday in Baghdad, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said the decision to move U.S. advisers to the Iraqi brigade and battalion level will put them "closer to the action," but he said they will have security forces with them and the U.S. will do what's needed to reduce the risks.

Brazil president defiant after impeachment vote, won't quit

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP)—Expressing outrage over the congressional vote to open impeachment proceedings against her, President Dilma Rousseff says she will not resign and vows to keep fighting the forces arrayed against her.

The defiant comments came at a Monday news conference at the presidential palace, which was Rousseff's first public appearance since the Chamber of Deputies voted 367-137 the previous night to send the impeachment proceedings to the Senate for a possible trial of Brazil's first female president.

The proceedings against Rousseff are based on accusations that her administration used illegal accounting tricks that allowed government spending to shore up flagging support before elections.

Rousseff has said previous presidents used such fiscal maneuvers without repercussions and calls the accusations against her an act of "violence against democracy." She says the claims against her are really a flimsy cover for Brazil's traditional ruling elite to grab power back from her left-leaning Workers' Party, which has governed for 13 years.

the year.

President Barack Obama on Monday emphasized the additional troops won't be doing the fighting, but the extra training and intelligence support they provide can "continually tighten the noose."

"As we see the Iraqis willing to fight and gaining ground, let's make sure we're providing them more support," Obama said in an interview with CBS that aired Monday evening.

Obama also predicted success in Mosul: "My expectation is that by the end of the year we will have created the conditions whereby Mosul will eventually fall."

"I'm not going to cowed; I won't let myself be paralyzed by this," Rousseff said, adding: "I have the energy, strength and courage to confront this injustice."

Rousseff repeated the words "indignant," "injustice" and "wronged" dozens of times, and she reiterated her argument that she hasn't done anything illegal and is thus the victim of a "coup" orchestrated by political foes.

"Today more than anything I feel wronged—wronged because this process doesn't have any legal basis," she said.

ASIAN BRIEFS

China sets aside rancor, offers Japan condolences for quakes

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese President Xi Jinping has extended his condolences to Japan's Emperor Akihito over the country's recent deadly earthquakes in a brief respite from the usual rancor between Beijing and Tokyo. Reports Tuesday of Xi's comments said he also expressed "sincere wishes" that the Japanese people might speedily overcome difficulties and rebuild their homes. "On behalf of the Chinese government and people, I extend my sympathies for those who have died and condolences to their families and those who were injured," Xi said in the message issued late Monday. Xi made no mention of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who is widely loathed in China over his conservative

Focus

MANTA, Ecuador (AP)—Rescuers pulled three people out alive Monday after they had been trapped for more than 32 hours in the rubble of a shopping center that was flattened by this weekend's powerful earthquake on Ecuador's coast.

Televised images of the dramatic pre-dawn rescue in the port city of Manta gave Ecuadoreans hope that some of the dozens of people still unaccounted for might yet be found even as the death toll from Saturday's 7.8-magnitude quake rose to 413. An American and two Canadians were among those confirmed dead from the worst quake to hit Ecuador in decades.

To reach the survivors trapped between the floor and roof of the collapsed shopping center in Manta, firefighters cut a nearly 20-foot (70-centimeter) hole through concrete then pulled a woman out head first. A group of firefighters applauded as she emerged from the debris, disoriented, caked in dust and complaining of pain but otherwise in good health.

Later, at the same site, about 50 rescuers working with sniffer dogs, hydraulic jacks and a drill managed to free another woman and a young man. All three were rushed in ambulances to a nearby hospital. In total, eight people were rescued from the site in the past 24 hours, said Angel Moreira, the firefighter coordinating the effort.

Authorities had hoped to save another woman whose legs were pinned by a heavy concrete slab. They were working to free her when they were forced to abandon the effort during an aftershock. When they returned the debris pile had moved and the woman was dead, Moreira said.

Christian Rivera, the head of emergency services for the capital, Quito, said that depending on the circumstances a person without serious injuries can survive up to a week under the rubble.

"After that, there's a quick decline ... and the rescuers' work becomes very difficult," he said.

Still, there are good reasons to believe more people will be found alive in the coming hours as some 450 rescue workers from Spain, Peru, Cuba, Bolivia, Venezuela, and elsewhere reached the most-affected areas along the Pacific coast. The U.S. has also offered assistance but so far President Rafael Cor-



Paramedics transfer an injured person after an earthquake in Portoviejo, Ecuador, Sunday, April 17, 2016. Rescuers pulled survivors from the rubble Sunday after the strongest earthquake to hit Ecuador in decades flattened buildings and buckled highways along its Pacific coast on Saturday night. The magnitude-7.8 quake killed hundreds of people.

Dramatic rescue amid rubble gives Ecuador HOPE FOR SURVIVORS

rea, a strong critic of U.S. foreign policy in Latin America, has yet to respond publicly.

Correa, upon arriving in Manta late Sunday, said that the priority remains finding survivors.

"Our grief is very large, the tragedy is very large, but we'll find the way to move forward," the Ecuadorean leader said, adding that the quake was the worst to hit the country since a 1949 earthquake in the Andean city of Ambato that took more than 5,000 lives. "If our pain is immense, still larger is the spirit of our people."

Manta, a thriving port city, was among the hardest-hit areas. Power cables were strewn across city streets as electricity in many neighborhoods remained down. Among the many buildings that were flattened was a control tower at the airport that was home to U.S. anti-narcotics missions in South America until Correa

kicked the Americans out.

As rescuers scrambled through the ruins near the epicenter, in some cases digging with their hands to look for sur-

vivors, humanitarian aid began trickling in. More than 3,000 packages of food and nearly 8,000 sleeping kits were delivered Sunday.

The quake knocked out power in many areas along the coast and some who fled to higher ground fearing a tsunami had no home to return

to or feared structures still standing might collapse. The country's Geophysics Institute said it recorded 230 aftershocks as of Sunday night.

Spain's Red Cross said as many as 5,000 people may need temporary housing after the quake destroyed homes, and 100,000 may need some sort of aid.

State Department spokesman John Kirby didn't identify the American who was killed but said the U.S. government will work with Ecuadorean authorities to locate and ensure the well-being of all Americans. The area of pristine beaches where the quake struck is popular with American tourists and expat retirees.

Aggravating matters were reports of looting, including in Manta, where 180 prisoners from a nearby prison escaped amid the tumult. Authorities said some 20 inmates were recaptured and others returned voluntarily.



Framed family photos sit on a couch at a house damaged by the 7.8-magnitude earthquake, in La Chorrera, Ecuador, Monday, April 18, 2016.

Good Housekeeping

By MIKE LAFOLLETTE
ANGIE'S LIST

Many homeowners strive for the perfect, emerald green lawn, but it takes more than regular mowing.

Lawn care requires a dedicated effort consisting of fertilization, regular maintenance and the ability to troubleshoot problems as they arise.

How low should you mow?

Often the first decision homeowners need to make is how short they should keep their grass so that it will look both manicured and lush.

Although it might seem natural to cut the lawn as short as possible, experts recommend letting it grow longer and mowing it more frequently.

Eileen Michaels, founder of A Yard and a Half Landscaping in Waltham, Mass., recommends setting the mower blades to at least 3 inches tall as "taller grass will shade out weed seeds."

Cutting a lawn short also puts stress on the grass and reduces its ability to resist weeds and pest infestation. Cutting a blade of grass too short reduces the amount of chlorophyll, which the grass can use for energy.

Short grass blades tend to put considerable strain on the roots, and that makes your lawn more susceptible to drying out and turning brown in warmer weather.

Once you've decided on lawn height, it's time to make the grass as green as possible without pesky weeds popping up.

Fertilizers promote healthy lawn

Organic and synthetic lawn fertilizers are good tools for maintaining a healthy lawn. Fertilizer promotes a lush growth, strengthens roots, and helps to prevent invasive weeds and pests.

There are many varieties of lawn fertilizer available, but most consist of three key nutrients: nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. Nitrogen is the most important for growth, but too much can lead to excessive growth, yard burn and discoloration.

The most popular types of lawn fertilizer are granule and liquid, which come in synthetic and organic forms. You can also choose between fast and slow-release fertilizer, or blends that contain pre-emergent controls for fighting crabgrass, weeds and other invasive plants.

Granule fertilizer should be applied with a broadcast spreader, a device that can be pushed or pulled around the yard to evenly distribute the fertilizer. A spreader is necessary because large concentrations of fertilizer in a small



Living Smart: How to get a lush, green lawn your neighbors will envy

A lush green lawn like this is possible, if you properly mow, fertilize and weed your grass throughout the season.

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area can kill the grass.

"A balanced fertilization with a pre-emergent for control of annual grasses, (e.g. crabgrass), should be applied during the month of April, since crabgrass begins to emerge in May," says Michael Van de Bossche, owner of Earth-Wood Arts in Indianapolis. "Nitrogen should be a 50/50 split of fast and slow-release forms."

His advice applies to lawns in the Midwestern region of the United States. For additional fertilizer information, check your local university extension.

Van de Bossche says too much quick-release fertilizer combined with spring rains can create too lush of a growth, which increases turf and fungus problems.

Is there a green option for

lawn care?

Organic lawn fertilizer is a popular option for homeowners with a green thumb. It's made up of living organisms, such as plant and animal matter. It releases nutrients at a slower pace and over a longer period of time than synthetic fertilizers.

Michaels says the organic approach doesn't provide immediate results like a synthetic fertilizer, but over time, it im-

proves the overall quality of the lawn, reducing the amount of future applications.

"Synthetic fertilizers throw quick-release nutrients at the grass, but whatever they can't use up quickly runs off and can potentially pollute water sources," she says. "Slow-release nutrients found in organic sources like corn gluten, alfalfa meal, fish emulsion and compost become available gradu-

ally as the plants need them."

Lawn maintenance and repair

Some of the most common lawn problems include bare spots, dead patches and areas that have been infested by dandelions and weeds.

Bare spots are the most noticeable lawn problem, but they can be repaired with a little patience and persistence.

Michaels says sod is an option for large patches, but it can be hard to blend with the rest of the lawn.

"If you have full sun for six or more hours in the area, sod can be an instant-gratification fix," she says. "Depending on the overall quality of the lawn, however, it can give a patchwork appearance."

For smaller patches or areas that receive less sun, Michaels recommends grass seed.

"Rough up the soil, premix seed with a little compost, and throw down the mixture," she says. "Run the back of a rake over it to get seed in contact with the soil, and keep it evenly moist."

For bare spots around flower beds or in areas that receive little sun, she says one option is to expand an existing bed or create a new one altogether. It fixes the problem and adds new landscaping to the yard.

DIGGIN' IN: Landscape photographer shares his 'growing' experiences

By KATHY VAN MULLEKOM
DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

When Saxon Holt was a kid, he "had" to garden. It was not an option.

"I remember my father's vegetable garden where I had to weed and pick and cut the grass," says Holt of his childhood in Newport News, Va.

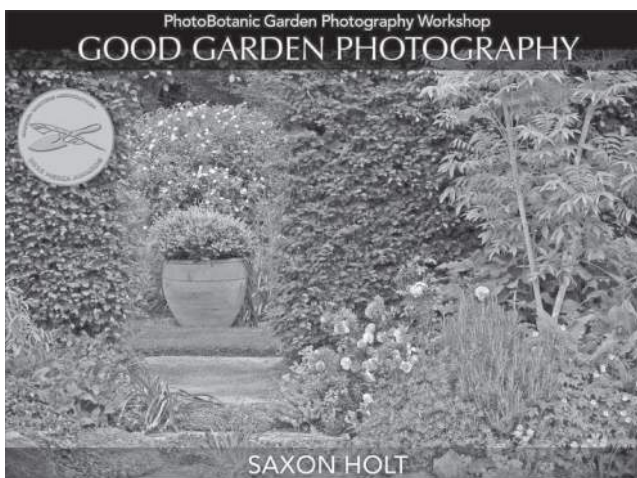
"My mom would pay me a penny for each dandelion I would pick in the walkway. That was not enough incentive and I was not very good at it."

"I never knew there was any 'book learning' about gardening until I started looking for work as a garden photographer about 30 years ago," he says.

"My education was my parents saying 'go do it' and then trial and error when I first started my own gardens."

Now a lifelong gardener and professional landscape photographer — www.saxanholt.com — Holt is also an author. His e-book, "Good Garden Photography" was awarded the 2015 Gold Award from the Garden Writers Association as best overall garden book published in 2014.

He's also passionate about native plants, which were not a part of Holt's childhood gar-



"Good Garden Photography" by Saxon Holt.

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dening experiences. In fact, he never recalls his mother, former Newport News City Councilwoman Mary Sherwood Holt, even mentioning native species back then.

Now, his mother has taken a keen interest in native plants, especially those with the word "virginiana" attached to them, he jokes.

"I have tried to kid her, without success, that many plants with virginiana as the species, such as the Eastern Red Cedar *Juniperus virginiana*, or Thimbleweed, *Anemone virginiana* were simply first described by a pioneering botanist but are actually quite common across the entire eastern half of the country,"

he says humorously.

Nowadays, Holt lives and gardens in California, where he cares for mature oaks, several meadows, a small vegetable garden and a "wonderful shrub border." California natives are very much a part of his garden, and a new photo project that will illustrate the state's native shrubs.

"Gardening with natives connects the gardener to the land and helps them appreciate their local ecosystem," Holt says.

"Too often people take their local habitats for granted and don't see the natural beauty. Using natives can help us connect to the land where we are and understand it."



Saxon Holt.

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HOLT'S FAVORITES

These native plants are some of Saxon Holt's favorites:

—Butterfly weed, *Asclepias tuberosa*. Blooms June-September with flat-topped clusters of bright orange flowers. Grows one to three feet tall, likes sun to part shade and average to poor, well-drained soil. Drought tolerant, does not transplant well. Deer resistant.

■ Wild bergamot, *Monarda fistulosa*. Blooms June-September with rounded cluster of tubular, lavender flowers. Grows two to three feet tall, likes sun to part

shade and any dry-to-medium soil. Minty, aromatic leaves traditionally used to make tea.

■ Wild blue phlox, *Phlox divaricate*. Blooms April-May with clusters of one-inch blue flowers that are slightly fragrant. Grows one to two feet tall, and likes part shade to shade and rich-average, well-drained soil. Good woodland ground cover, appreciates mulch and fertilizer. Deadhead to prevent powdery mildew.

■ Alum root, *Heuchera Americana*. Blooms April-May with small pale-green flowers on tall spikes above foliage. Grows six to 12 inches tall, and likes part shade to shade and rich, well-drained soil.

Semi-evergreen groundcover, burgundy and silver markings on winter foliage. Deer resistant.

■ Persimmon, *Diospyros virginiana*. Blooms April-June and August-October with inconspicuous flowers. Grows 40 to 60 feet tall, and likes sun to part shade and average, dry-medium soil. Drought tolerant. Nectar source and host plant for Luna moth. Produces fruit when seven to eight years old.

Life & Style

'Everybody Loves Raymond' star Doris Roberts dies at 90

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Everybody loved Doris Roberts.

The spunky actress who played the tart-tongued, endlessly meddling mother on CBS' "Everybody Loves Raymond" received an outpouring of praise on Monday following news of her death.

Phil Rosenthal, the sitcom's creator, called her "a wonderful, funny, indelible actress and friend" on Twitter.

CBS said in a statement that Roberts "will be remembered for lighting up every room she walked into with an unparalleled combination of energy, humor, warmth and even a little bit of grit."

Roberts died overnight in her sleep, spokeswoman Janet Daily said. She was told of the death by Roberts' son, Michael Cannata. Roberts was 90.

The cause of death was not immediately known. Roberts had been healthy and active, Daily said.

Last month, Roberts appeared at an actors' union event that focused on the scarcity of female directors in entertainment. The outspoken critic of age discrimination asked the panel why there were so few roles for elder actors.



In this Feb. 10, 2003 file photo, actress Doris Roberts poses by her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame during a ceremony in Los Angeles.

Roberts won four Emmy Awards for her portrayal of Marie Barone on CBS' "Everybody Loves Raymond," receiving a total of seven nominations as best supporting actress for the sitcom.

The 1996-2005 sitcom

about an affectionate but bickering extended family also starred Ray Romano, Brad Garrett and Patricia Heaton. Peter Boyle, who played husband Frank Barone opposite Roberts, died in 2006.

"She was funny and tough

and loved life, living it to the fullest," Heaton tweeted. She recalled Roberts as a "consummate professional."

Comedian Denis Leary tweeted that Roberts "made me laugh so hard so many times."

Roberts also was known for her role in the 1980s TV detective series "Remington Steele." She appeared on stage and in a variety of movies, including "The Rose," "The Taking of Pelham One Two Three" and "Madea's Witness Protection."

But it was the hugely successful "Everybody Loves Raymond" that "put my career over the top," Roberts told The Associated Press as the show wrapped its run.

Roberts, then 79, fretted openly about what she would do next. "Who knows after this? Nobody writes for older people," she said.

Yet her list of TV and movie credits continued to grow, with projects from 2015, including the TV movie "Merry Kissmas," and others slated to be released this year.

Roberts was born Nov. 4, 1925, in St. Louis and grew up in New York, Daily said.

The actress began her stage career on Broadway in the 1950s, amassing credits that eventually included Neil Simon's "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers" and Terrence McNally's "Bad Habits."

In early TV appearances, she was seen in episodes of "Studio One," "The Naked City" and "The Defenders."

Roberts received her first Emmy Award in 1983, for her supporting role on the series "St. Elsewhere." She received a total of 11 nominations for her TV work overall, including her bids for "Raymond."

An enthusiastic cook, Roberts co-wrote "Are You Hungry, Dear? Life, Laughs, and Lasagna," a memoir with recipes, in 2005.

Besides her son, she is survived by her daughter-in-law, Jane, and three grandchildren, Kelsey, Andrew, and Devon Cannata.

Stars share their reactions to Doris Roberts' death



In this Sept. 25, 1983 file photo, Doris Roberts, left, and James Coco hold up the Emmys they received as best supporting actress and actor for their roles in the NBC television series "St. Elsewhere" during the 35th annual Emmy Awards presentation in Pasadena, Calif.

Stars share their reactions to Doris Roberts' death Monday at age 90:

■ "She was funny and tough and loved life, living it to the fullest. Nothing gave her greater joy than her three wonderful grandchildren, of whom she was so proud. It was truly a privilege Doris. I love you and miss you."
—**"Everybody Loves Raymond" co-star Patricia Heaton on Twitter.**

■ "RIP #DorisRoberts. An amazing talent and amazing person."
—**Actor Josh Gad on Twitter.**

■ "So sad to read about the passing of Doris Roberts. She will always Marie Barone to me. RIP"

—**actress Marlee Matlin on Twitter.**

■ "We loved our mom, the great #DorisRoberts. A wonderful, funny, indelible actress and friend."
—**"Everybody Loves Raymond" creator Phil Rosenthal on Twitter.**

■ "Doris Roberts made me laugh so hard so many times. #everybodylovesmarie"
—**Comedian Denis Leary on Twitter.**

■ "Sad passing: #DorisRoberts, great friend, big talent. She gifted me 1x w/ dinner w/ #DameMaggieSmith. A life-changing eve among many others."
—**Producer Craig Zadan on Twitter. (AP)**

Boston Marathon bombing movies filmed during Monday race

BOSTON (AP)—With the real-life Boston Marathon underway Monday, Hollywood film crews took to the marathon finish line and Fenway Park to shoot scenes for competing movies about the deadly 2013 marathon attacks.

Actor and Boston native Mark Wahlberg donned a Boston police uniform while filming for "Patriot's Day," a retelling of the April 15, 2013, attacks that's expected to open as early as this December.

The 44-year-old Wahlberg was filmed standing along with other officers on the marathon course as part of the security detail during the race.

He plays a fictional police officer named Tommy Saunders, who is a composite of law enforcement officials who responded to the multi-day manhunt after the bombing and unprecedented shut down of the Boston area. The movie is based on a firsthand account from former Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis.



Actor Mark Wahlberg, center left, dressed as a Boston Police officer, watches runners cross the finish line as he films a scene for his upcoming "Patriot's Day" movie at the 120th Boston Marathon on Monday, April 18, 2016, in Boston.

Jake Gyllenhaal, meanwhile, was at Fenway Park on Monday morning shooting scenes for "Stronger," a film slated for release sometime in 2017 and based on bombing survivor Jeff Bauman's memoir of the same name.

Bauman was a spectator who lost both his legs in the attack that killed three people

and injured hundreds more. From his hospital bed, the Chelmsford, Massachusetts, native helped police identify brothers Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev as the attackers.

The 35-year-old actor and Bauman also threw out the first pitch as the Boston Red Sox took on the Toronto Blue Jays.

The film crews have been shooting scenes throughout Massachusetts in recent months. Gyllenhaal and Bauman were at a Boston Bruins game shooting scenes at TD Garden earlier this month.

Wahlberg's production has been rebuffed at a few key locations, though, as some victims' families and survivors have voiced concerns the movies are being made too soon after the attacks.

The University of Massachusetts turned down a request for crews to shoot scenes at its Dartmouth campus. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, who was sentenced to death last year for the attack, had been a student at the time and returned to his college dorm afterward.

And the Town Council of Watertown also denied the filmmakers' request to recreate the scene where Tamerlan Tsarnaev was killed in a fiery shootout with police, although residents were overall supportive of the idea.

Hanks, movie-land ambassador to America, takes another trip

NEW YORK (AP)—Tom Hanks, great American, has been to some far-flung places in the service of Hollywood and country.

There's no working actor who more embodies America,

or at least its most idealized, virtuous image of itself. It's one reason why Hanks has five times topped the annual Harris Poll, including this year, as the nation's most popular actor.

More than that, Hanks

ranked as America's most trusted person in a 2013 Reader's Digest poll.

Hanks has long played iconic Americans, both fictional (Forrest Gump) and real (Walt Disney in "Saving Mrs. Banks," Sully Sullenberger in the upcoming "Sully"). But many of his most indelible characters have been Americans abroad, including in his latest film, "A Hologram for the King."

The film, which premieres this week at the Tribeca Film Festival and opens in theaters Friday, is Tom Tykwer's adaptation of Dave Eggers' novel in which Hanks plays a struggling middle-aged American businessman who travels to the Saudi Arabian desert to pitch the king on an IT system for a new complex being built.

For Hanks, it's another stamp in a movie passport that includes Cold War-era Russia ("Bridge of Spies"), the dangerous waters off the coast of Somalia ("Captain Phillips") and a tiny South Pacific island ("Cast Away").

It's fitting that Hanks' all-



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This image released by the Roadside Attractions shows Tom Hanks in a scene from "A Hologram for the King," a film being featured at the Tribeca Film Festival.

American should be such an international one; his stardom coincides with decades of American imperialism in warfare and commercial expansion. With basic decency and good-humored candor, he has refracted American triumph ("Apollo 13") and tragedy

(perishing in the Twin Towers in "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close").

He's our funnier, less sure John Wayne for a more complicated time, a cowboy only as Sheriff Woody in "Toy Story." Who better to send on the country's behalf? Everybody loves Tom Hanks, movie-land ambassador to 20th Century America.

Here's a look at his many sojourns abroad:

BRIDGE OF SPIES: In Steven Spielberg's 2015 thriller, Hanks played the lawyer James B. Donovan for Soviet spy Rudolf Abel (Mark Rylance). His idea of patriotism—including that all men, even national enemies, deserve their day in court—is at odds with the time and perhaps with today as well. When Donovan travels to Moscow, one feels Hanks could have, by himself, warmed away the Cold War.

CAPTAIN PHILLIPS: Paul

Greengrass' docudrama of a Maersk cargo ship taken by Somali pirates may have taken some liberty with the details of the 2009 kidnapping and Navy Seal rescue. But few films have better captured America—this time a hardy New Englander—face-to-face with terrorism.

CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR: Hard-drinking Texas Congressman Charlie Wilson was a more unlikely participant in a far-away battle in Mike Nichols' 2007 comic drama. The brash, can-do Wilson leads a program to support the Afghan mujahideen in the Soviet-Afghan War, only to watch the U.S. fatefully withdraw once the Russians exited.

THE DA VINCI CODE: This and Ron Howard's sequel, "Angels and Demons," took Hanks to Paris' Louvre and the Vatican, seeking divine secrets in Old Europe in Dan Brown's best-sellers.

It's on ... Amazon's stand-alone streaming targets Netflix



This Sept. 6, 2012, file photo, shows the Amazon logo in Santa Monica, Calif. Amazon is taking on Netflix and Hulu with a stand-alone video streaming service. Starting the week of April 18, 2016, customers can pay \$8.99 a month to watch Amazon's Prime video streaming service.

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NEW YORK (AP)—Amazon is taking on Netflix and Hulu with its own stand-alone video streaming service, just weeks before Netflix raises prices for longtime subscribers.

New customers can now pay \$8.99 a month to watch Amazon's Prime video streaming service. Previously, the only way to watch Amazon's videos was to pay \$99 a year for Prime membership, which includes free two-day shipping on items sold by the site, and other perks.

At \$9 a month, Amazon's stand-alone streaming service is \$1 less than Netflix's standard membership and \$1 more than Hulu's basic subscription.

Netflix said earlier this year that a "substantial number" of its longtime members who paid \$8 monthly—and have

been protected from price hikes—will now pay an additional \$2 starting in May.

Amazon's decision to break off its video streaming service could cause some defections at Netflix, wrote Wedbush analyst Michael Pachter in a note to clients.

Both companies have invested heavily in original and exclusive programming. Netflix has "Orange Is the New Black," "House of Cards" and a couple of series based on Marvel comic characters. Amazon's offerings include "Transparent," "Mozart in the Jungle" and previously aired HBO shows. With Hulu, users can watch many current TV episodes a day after they air on a network. Hulu is also growing its exclusive offerings, with "The Mindy Project" and "Difficult People."

'Impossible' director Bayona set for 'Jurassic World' sequel

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Universal Pictures has announced J.A. Bayona will direct the sequel to "Jurassic World."

Bayona will be taking up the mantle from Colin Trevorrow, who relaunched the "Jurassic" franchise in 2015. "Jurassic World" earned over \$1.7 billion worldwide.

Trevorrow will still co-write and executive produce the sequel, but is stepping aside from directing as he'll be busy

in a galaxy far, far away shooting "Star Wars: Episode IX" for 2019.

Stars Chris Pratt and Bryce Dallas Howard will return for the sequel, set for a June 2018 release, but little else is known about the film.

Bayona, a native of Spain, previously directed "The Impossible," which earned star Naomi Watts an Oscar nomination. The film revolved around the devastating 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

Married woman can't resist when lover wants to meet

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 36-year-old woman who is in a loveless marriage. We do not spend time together, nor do we have sex. For the past four years I have had an on-again, off-again affair with a guy from my church. He's 10 years younger and everything I have ever wanted.

My No. 1 problem is that I know adultery is wrong and goes against everything I have ever believed in. I always tell myself that this is the last time, but when he wants to meet again I don't have the strength to say no. (We have everything going for us in the physical department, but I know we'd never have a lasting relationship.)

I'm not writing to ask if what I'm doing is wrong because I know it is. I'm writing because I need your help/advice on how to say no when you are in love with the person, but don't want them to know!

My lover lost his virginity to me, and I'm having trouble understanding why he still wants to be with me after all of this time. Is it because I'm just easy and he knows he can have sex with no commitment, or does he actually care about me but knows he can't have me all to himself? I am ashamed about my behavior and looking for a way to ... JUST SAY NO

DEAR JUST SAY NO: You may be attracted to your lover because you are essentially alone in your marriage. There is a solution for your problems, but it won't be pleasant. Tell

your husband what has been going on and why, and end the marriage, which appears to have been over for a long time.

Once the smoke clears, ask your lover the questions about his intentions that you mentioned to me, and then decide whether to continue seeing him. He may be in love with you, but if he is, the question of whether you love him or whether he's just a convenience remains. Of this I am certain: You are not his sex slave — and when you think you have a better option, you WILL find the way to "just say no."

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DEAR ABBY: I work at a large suburban hospital, and there's an issue that needs to be addressed. Patients walk around with their butts exposed! Patients are always given a second gown to use as a robe, but many of them decide not to use it.

Abby, these are all alert, oriented people. In addition to staff, there are visitors (including children) and other patients walking in the halls.

When someone runs up behind them to give them the second gown, these are some of the responses we are given: "Let 'em look!" (No one wants to.) "There's nothing to look at." (Yes, there is, and no one wants to.) "I've got nothing anyone wants to see." (Then why are you showing it off?) "No one cares about my butt." (That's right, and no one wants to see it.) "I'm not modest." (We're grossed out.) "This is a hospital; why does it matter?" (So, everyone should just walk around naked?)

How do you think we should address this?

DEAR ABBY

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NO BUTTS, PLEASE

DEAR NO BUTTS: "Address" it by informing patients that wearing both gowns is a hospital rule. That would be a start. If you are asked why, tell the person that it's to prevent visitors and other patients from being offended by the sight of someone's uncovered "gluteus maximi." And if anyone gives you an argument, tell the person that's the way it is—no ifs, ands or buts.

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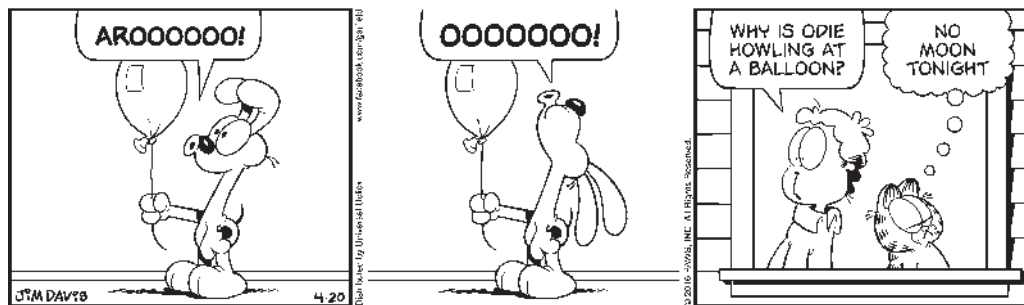
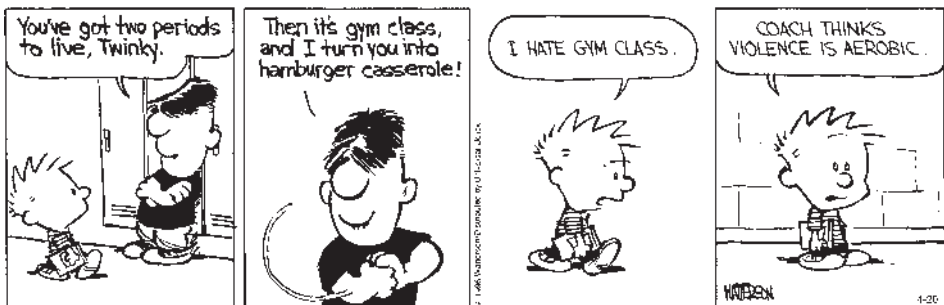
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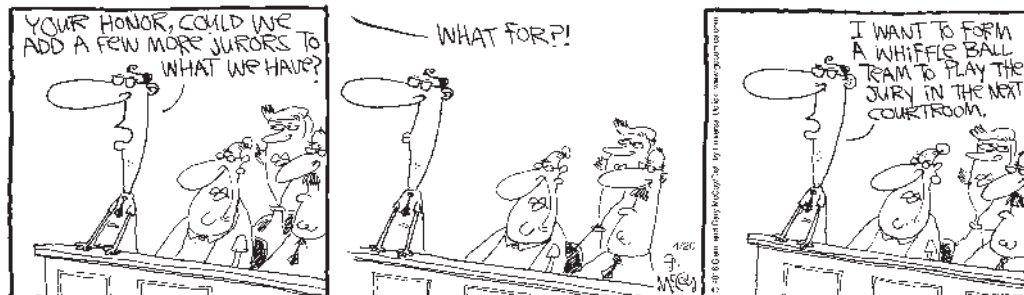


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6 Mess up
7 — low profile
8 Feeling
9 Like lava or pumice
10 Director Kazan
11 Monthly payment
16 Genesis shepherd
20 Work unit
23 Slugger's stat
24 Days of yore
25 Unstable
27 Bro or sis
29 Wilde-beest
30 Cry
32 "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" instrument
34 Fluffy cloud
37 Fawn's mama
39 "— fan tute"
42 Delegate
44 Toned down
45 Couch
46 Fortas and Lincoln
48 Ms. Hayworth
49 Serve tea
50 Tizzy
53 Sugar suffix

Solution time: 23 mins.

M	O	P	S	T	S	K	H	A	S	P
A	M	O	K	Y	E	A	U	G	L	I
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Yesterday's answer 4-20

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Joey Lawrence, 40; Carmen Electra, 44; Jessica Lange, 67; Ryan O'Neal, 75.

Happy Birthday: Keep your life simple, stick to what you know and follow through with your plans. Moderation and living within your means will give you an advantage. Plan your actions with the finish line in sight. Organization and practicality will be your tickets to success. Choose quality over quantity in all aspects of your life and make every move count. Your numbers are 3, 17, 20, 23, 28, 34, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Channel your energy wisely. Take a moment to think about your actions before you make an impulsive move. Focus on making personal improvements, not on changing others. Romantic plans will help ease your stress. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take on responsibilities that will result in an exciting opportunity. By helping others, you will in turn help yourself. You'll find you are in good company if you attend a charity or community event. Voice your concerns and you will make a difference. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Work quietly toward personal gains and improvements. Curb any poor habits and make a point to strive for perfection. A relationship should be questioned if you aren't getting any positive support. Be wary of secrets and put your own needs first. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't make an impulsive decision or move. If asked to pitch in or donate, it's best to

conserve your resources for your own personal use. Consider using your home for an unusual purpose. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't share your feelings too readily. Take initiative and let your actions speak for you. Romance is in the stars, and a shared activity will bring you closer to someone you love. Health and fitness is encouraged. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll pick up valuable information that will help you with a hobby or home improvements you want to pursue. Something you are good at and enjoying doing will offer financial relief if you turn it into a service. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put your assets to work for you to improve an important relationship that can help make your life better. Work on physical improvements that will enhance your appeal, and make romantic plans. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be offered interesting choices. Look for the one that will bring the most satisfaction. An open discussion will give you the platform you need to enlist the help of people you trust and enjoy working with. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Spend more time at home. You will achieve the most if you are comfortable and left to your own devices. Fixing up your digs to surprise someone special will bring new meaning to your relationships. Love and romance look promising. ★★★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get to the nitty-gritty of any situation that will affect your home, family or neighborhood. Speak up and have solutions on hand. Choose intelligent action over brute force and it will be easier to get others to side with you. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Check over any prospects you've been offered. Present what you need in order to make the proposition worthwhile. If you move forward with no regrets, something better will come along. Romance will keep your spirits high. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may fall short when it comes to what's expected of you. If you are feeling unsure or think someone is withholding information from you, say so. Do your part to stay in the loop and define what you have to offer. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are practical, outspoken and industrious. You are aggressive and intense.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

		1	6			8				
2				3		4				
				9		7		2		
				5		1		3		
			8			2	9	5	1	
		3						8		
7								4		
9								6		
8	4	2	1					9		

Difficulty Level ★★★

4/20

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

2	6	5	4	3	7	9	8	1
3	8	1	9	5	6	2	4	7
7	9	4	1	2	8	5	3	6
4	5	8	2	7	9	1	6	3
6	3	2	5	4	1	7	9	8
1	7	9	6	8	3	4	2	5
5	1	6	3	9	4	8	7	2
8	4	3	7	1	2	6	5	9
9	2	7	8	6	5	3	1	4

Difficulty Level: ★★

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

OVERHEAD PROJECTORS

Solution: 9 letters

M	E	E	I	N	S	T	R	I	N	T	E	S
O	A	Z	L	E	C	T	U	R	E	S	X	D
D	P	C	I	G	W	R	I	T	T	E	N	S
E	T	A	H	M	G	E	A	R	T	I	N	O
R	R	H	Q	I	I	O	I	S	E	O	R	I
N	A	P	G	U	N	N	T	V	I	R	W	M
O	I	L	L	I	E	E	I	T	I	A	Y	A
I	N	A	A	E	L	T	A	M	L	Z	R	G
T	I	Y	S	A	C	T	H	L	Z	O	X	E
C	N	E	S	E	N	A	A	U	L	Z	D	E
E	G	E	L	E	L	C	F	O	D	E	V	I
J	R	F	S	O	I	S	C	R	E	E	N	F
O	E	E	G	T	O	O	L	S	U	C	O	F
R	R	E	P	L	A	S	T	I	C	S	C	O
P	N	O	I	T	U	L	O	S	E	R	E	N

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Yesterday's Answer: Cowboy

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WHATZIT Solution: Not in front of the children

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(3) Farmer

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(2) Cook

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Cook (Japanese Cuisine)
Salary: \$6.05 to \$8.00
High School Diploma or equivalent. Six months to a year of work related experienced. Culinary Degree preferred but not required. Excellent interpersonal skills with a positive attitude, professional, neat and well groomed at all times. Willing to work in flexible shifts, days, evenings, weekends and holidays. Be able to stand for prolonged period of time. Full understanding of licensing responsibilities and environmental health standards. And a highly qualified in preparing variety of food and knowledgeable in processing and food production, of Japanese Cuisine, like salad, appetizers, dessert and main entrees. Must be able to obtain Food Handler Certification.

Bartender (1- Korean Market, 1- Chinese Market, 1 = Local Market)
Salary: \$6.05 to 8:00
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least one year experienced working as a Bartender. Knowledge in different variety of cocktail, tropical, alcoholic or non-alcohol drinks. Must be able to create and possess broad ideas for mixing, creating and serving drinks. Excellent interpersonal skills with a positive attitude, professional, neat and well groomed at all times. A "People Person", acquired hospitality related program and speaking additional languages preferred but not required. Must be able to speak and understand English, fluent in Korean or Mandarin language. Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services including handling large group of customers. Computer literate. Be able to stand for prolonged period of time. Able to obtain Food Handler Certification. Willing to work in flexible shifts, days, evenings, weekends and holidays.

Housekeeping Assistant Manager
Salary: \$9.50 to \$11.71
High School Diploma, Hospitality related course or equivalent. Hospitality related course is At least 5 or more years of work experience in the relate field. Knowledge of principles and process for providing customer and personal service including handling large group of arrivals, planning, organizing, and developing of the overall operation of the housekeeping department in accordance to the federal law and local standards and guidelines along with assuring the highest degree of quality guest care. Process working knowledge of rooms management system and advanced knowledge of housekeeping process and procedures. Knowledge and ability to supervise, experience performing housekeeping duties, hardworking, leadership ability, keen observation skills, and be detail oriented. Willing to work under pressure with the specified number of rooms and duties assigned in everyday. Computer Literate. Be able to stand prolonged period of time and must possess a friendly and good manner. Willing to work in flexible shifts, days, weekends and holidays.

Front Desk Clerk (1 = Korean Market, 1 = Chinese Market)
Salary: \$6.05 to \$8.00
High School Diploma or equivalent. Have at least three months to one year of related work experienced. Knowledge of principle and processes for providing excellent personal and customer service skills. including handling large group of arrivals. Excellent interpersonal skills with a positive attitude, professional, neat and well groomed at all times. Must be able to speak and understand English and preferably fluent in Korean or Mandarin language. Computer proficiency and email communication. Knowledge in any Hotel System software is a plus. Willing to work in flexible shifts, days, evenings, weekend and holidays and be able to stand for prolonged period of time.

Food & Beverage Cashier (1 = Korean Market, 1 = Chinese Market)
Salary: \$6.05 to \$8.00
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least have few months experienced in the related field. Experienced working in a restaurant is a plus. Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services including handling large group of arrivals in the restaurant. Excellent interpersonal skills with a positive attitude, professional, neat and well groomed at all times. Must be able to speak and understand English and preferably fluent in Korean or Mandarin language. Knowledge in navigating point of sale system and computer literacy is a must. Be able to stand for prolonged period of time and must possess a friendly, a people person, trustworthiness, with a good manners and right conduct. Willing to work in flexible shifts, days, evenings, weekend and holidays.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(5) WAITRESS
2-3 years experience as a waitress in a Night Bar or an Entertainment Business
Salary: \$ 6.05 per hour

Other Qualifications:

- At least 21-25 years old with pleasing personality
- Full time with flexible working hours
- Preferably can speak Japanese language fluently

Please mail your resume to
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Terminal Manager

Responsibilities:

- Supervise daily operations of a cement distribution terminal
- Communicate effectively with our customers
- Safely operate equipment to discharge cement from vessels and load customer trucks
- Do periodic maintenance/trouble shoot all terminal equipment
- Prepare all paperwork to accompany loads and keep daily and monthly inventory records
- Ensure all employee are trained and follow safe work practices and procedures; consistent with company policies and OSHA standards

Requirements:

- Minimum of 2-4 years' experience in cement or related industry preferred
- Excellent communication skills (oral and written)
- Good organizational skills
- Prepared to work flexible hours, including some weekends, nights, and holidays
- Clerical skills a plus
- College degree preferred (or equivalent by experience)

Please submit resume by email to derek.sadler@hanson.biz.

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ANNOUNCEMENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Opening Date: April 15, 2016
Closing Date: May 6, 2016

Position: Loan Specialist I
Salary: PL 26/05 – \$22,576.960 to PL 26/09 - \$27,437.440 P/A
(Starting salary will be determined by the qualifications of the appointee.)

Job Location: NMHC Central Office, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950

Detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be picked up, together with NMHC's employment application form, during regular working hours at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan during regular working hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI and austerity holidays.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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Position: Appliance Technician I
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Minimum of three (3) years related work experience and one (1) year supervisory experience, preferably in hospitality. Degree in accounting is required; CPA preferred; Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office (Word and Excel) and must be knowledgeable in using Opera and MAS 90; Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) ASSISTANT ENGINEERING MANAGER

Minimum of three (3) years of Engineering industry experience at a hotel plus two (2) years of supervisory experience. A Vocational degree or an Associate degree in Electrical Engineering or combination and/or related experience in the Engineering field is required. Technical knowledge and proficiency on electrical, plumbing and boiler operations is preferred. Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to support a 24hrs business are also essential. Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office (word and excel). Must be able to work in a flexible schedule which includes early mornings, evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Minimum of three (3) years related work experience. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) CARPENTER

Minimum of three (3) years work experience as a cabinet maker and finishing carpenter. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) CHEF DE PARTIE

Minimum of three (3) years working in a similar capacity in a hotel, plus one (1) year of supervisory experience. Must have good management and organizational skills. Must have the ability to work independently and within a team, and have the ability to work well under pressure. Must have excellent communication skills. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

CLUBMATES

Must have previous related work experience and must pass all American Red Cross Lifeguard requirements (including a 300 yard continuous swim test); Sports-minded individuals are encouraged to apply; Must possess good verbal and written communication skills; Korean, Japanese and/or Russian language skill is a plus; Paid training and free two year lifeguard certification course for eligible candidates; Must be able to work on evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) ELECTRICAL SUPERVISOR

Minimum of one (1) year of relevant experience working in a similar position at a hotel, plus one (1) year of supervisory experience is required. Vocational degree, an Associate degree, diploma in Engineering or any combination to its equivalent in the Engineering field is required. OSHA Certified and knowledge in handling hazardous materials is required. Must be able to work in a flexible schedule which includes early mornings, evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) ELECTRICIAN

Minimum of five (5) years work experience. Must be able to work shifts, weekends, and holidays.

(1) EXECUTIVE SOUS CHEF

Minimum of six (6) years of progressive experience in high volume food production or catering in multi-unit restaurant Hotel or Resort environment. Experience preparing multi-ethnic cuisine is required. Must have at least two (2) years of supervisory experience in a similar role. Must have the following: strong leadership/communication skills at all levels of the organization. Exceptional guest focus and proven positive employee relations skills a must. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(2) FRONT DESK SUPERVISOR

Minimum of two (2) years previous experience as a Front Desk Supervisor is required. Must be resourceful, take ownership of problems and issues that arise and have excellent problem-solving skills. Must have the ability to work well under pressure and to lead a team. In addition to managing the daily operations at the desk, must have the ability to provide the Front Desk Clerks with necessary training and support. Fluency in Korean, Japanese or Russian is preferred. Must be able to work graveyard shifts, evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) HVAC TECHNICIAN

Minimum of four (4) years related work experience. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(2) MUSICIAN (3-pc band)

Minimum of two (2) years experience as a musician. Must be able to perform music in English as well as Japanese/Korean/Russian. Need to be able to play a variety of music genres, classical, pop, rock, reggae, country etc. Must be able to play on an individual, duo and trio basis. At least one member must be a classical pianist, playing classical music during restaurant dining hours. Must be able to host events, MC events, be able to promote audience participation during sing-a-long shows. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays. Subject to audition.

(1) PASTRY COOK

Minimum of two (2) years of relevant work experience working in pastry for a hotel. Associate's degree in Culinary Arts. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) PASTRY COOK HELPER

Minimum of two (2) years of related experience with bread making, pastry making and cake decorating. Must have previous experience in high volume production including large banquets, functions and special events. High School Diploma or higher is required. Must be able to work early mornings, nights, weekends and holidays.

(1) POOL MAINTENANCE

Minimum of two (2) years related work experience. Previous HAZMAT training preferred. Shift begins at 2:00 a.m. daily. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

(1) PURCHASING CLERK

Minimum of one (1) year of administrative and clerical related work experience, preferably in Purchasing or Procurement in a hotel setting. Preferred experience in Custom clearance process. Job requires a valid CNMI Driver's License. Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office (Excel). Must be able to lift minimum of 50 pounds. Experience using MAS90 is preferred. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

(1) RESERVATIONS CLERK – KOREAN MARKET

Minimum of six (6) months experience working for a hotel. Must be able to use hotel PMS (Micros Opera) and Microsoft Excel. Must be able to understand, speak, read, write English and Korean. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

(1) SOUS CHEF

Minimum of three (3) years of relevant experience working in a similar role for a hotel or resort environment. Experience in preparing multi-ethnic cuisine is required. Must have good knowledge of food production, food safety standards and have the ability to train and lead a team. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

Applications must be received by 5:00pm on Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

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Mavericks recover, stun Thunder to even series

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—The Thunder thought they had stolen one.

The home fans were celebrating, streamers were falling onto the court and Oklahoma City appeared to have taken a 2-0 lead in its series against the Dallas Mavericks, despite a shaky overall performance.

In the end, Dallas escaped.

A putback at the buzzer by Oklahoma City's Steven Adams that would have won the game was disallowed upon review, and the Mavericks defeated the Thunder 85-84 on Monday night to even their Western Conference playoff series at one win apiece.

Dallas had been embarrassed 108-70 in the opener on Saturday, but the Mavericks bounced back and held Oklahoma City to 33.7 percent shooting on Monday.

"I'm very proud of our guys and the way they responded after one of the most disappointing games in franchise history," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "It's a group with a lot of pride, and obviously, a lot of resilience."

In the postgame news conference after the Game 1 loss, Carlisle defiantly stated that the loss was not significant, and that it was just one game. His team bought it, and, even goes home for Thursday night's Game 3 with a chance to take the lead in the series.

Raymond Felton had 21 points and 11 rebounds and Dirk Nowitzki added 17 points for the Mavericks.

Deron Williams, declared doubtful on Sunday with a left abdominal strain, scored 13 points for Dallas, 11 in the game's first 5 minutes.

"This wouldn't be possible if Deron Williams hadn't given it a shot," Carlisle said. "He got us off to a good solid start -- actually better than a solid start, he got us off to a very good start."

Kevin Durant scored 21 points for Oklahoma City, but he made just 7 of 33 shots in the worst postseason shooting



performance, both by percentage and number of misses, of his career. Durant's 26 misses were the most he's had in 716 career games, including the regular-season and playoffs.

"It was a bad shooting night for me," Durant said. "It's part of it. I wish it didn't happen tonight, but it's a part of it. I got some great looks all night and I just didn't knock them down. It was just one of those nights."

The Mavericks said they did a good job of being physical with Durant and disrupting his rhythm.

Dallas led 85-84 with 7.1 seconds left when Felton missed two free throws. Du-

rant got the rebound of the second, but his shot to try to win the game was blocked by Justin Anderson. Russell Westbrook rebounded and missed, then Adams rebounded Westbrook's miss and made a basket, but the ball was in his hand as time expired.

Westbrook finished with 19 points and 14 rebounds and Serge Ibaka added 12 points for the Thunder.

Dallas led 69-68 before the Thunder went on an 8-0 run, highlighted by a dunk by Durant and a 3-pointer by Ibaka, to take a 76-69 lead.

Felton's layup with 28.7 seconds left put the Mavericks up 83-81. After Durant missed

a short jumper and a 3-pointer, Wesley Matthews made a transition layup to push the lead to four with 14.4 seconds remaining.

Durant came back with a 3-pointer to trim Dallas' lead to 85-84 with 9.5 seconds to play, setting up the frantic finish.

"Look, Game 1 of a playoff series, you're going to get hit with a haymaker at the beginning, and they're a great first-quarter team," Carlisle said. "We just didn't recover from that haymaker in Game 1. In Game 2, we did a much better job. Our disposition was stronger, our posture was great and we were very together."

^{AP}
Dallas Mavericks guard Devin Harris (34) drives to the basket around Oklahoma City Thunder center Enes Kanter (11) during the first half of Game 2 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Monday, April 18, 2016, in Oklahoma City.

Warriors 115, Rockets 106

In Oakland, as Stephen Curry emphatically waved his arms to ignite the crowd and coached from the bench when he could do little else, Klay Thompson and the Golden State Warriors' supporting cast picked up the slack for their absent NBA MVP to hold off the Houston Rockets on Monday night and take a 2-0 lead in their playoff series.

Thompson scored 34 points and dished out five assists for the defending champions, playing without Curry because of an injured right ankle. Curry cut short his pregame warmup routine after appearing to be in discomfort as he was shooting while putting little pressure on the tender ankle.

Andre Iguodala, last year's Finals MVP, added 18 points with four 3-pointers and Draymond Green had 12 points, 14 rebounds and eight assists.

Now, Curry has until Thursday's Game 3 in Houston to get healthy.

James Harden had 28 points and 11 assists to lead the Rockets, losers of six straight and 14 of 15 to Golden State. He made 13 of 15 free throws after not attempting one in the opener.

Raptors 98, Pacers 87

In Toronto, Jonas Valanciunas had 23 points and 15 rebounds and Kyle Lowry had 18 points, nine assists and seven rebounds as Toronto snapped its postseason losing streak at seven games.

The Raptors had not won a playoff game since a 115-113 home victory over Brooklyn on April 30, 2014.

Corey Joseph scored 16 points, Patrick Patterson added 14 and DeMar DeRozan had 10 as the Raptors evened the first-round series at 1-1.

Paul George scored 28 points and Monta Ellis had 15 for the Pacers, who host Game 3 on Thursday night.

Lowry and DeRozan both struggled with their shooting in Saturday's Game 1 loss, combining to make eight of 32 attempts. Neither was particularly sharp in this one, with Lowry making four of 13 and DeRozan making five of 18.

Kawhi Leonard repeats as Defensive Player of the Year

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Kawhi Leonard tends to shrug off all the accolades for his defensive prowess. He will almost always credit his teammates and coach for any praise he receives.

It was no different Monday as Leonard won his second straight NBA Defensive Player of the Year award after helping the San Antonio Spurs have the league's best defense.

"I just hide behind (his teammates) in the game, really," Leonard said. "They give me the confidence to pressure my man and get into the ball handler. The bigs are there on the help side if the guy goes by me and I'm able to switch to other offensive players and all the other guards on my team to guard the best offensive player."

Except coach Gregg Popovich isn't so sure about all of that.

"He's a team-oriented individual for sure," Popovich said. "But I've got to tell you, I don't think he knows when those guys are back there or not, he just goes and does what he does. He just plays. He's giving credit to everyone as he should, he's

a wonderful young man, but the things he does amaze me night after night and the fact he does it at both ends really is something and then he rebounds on top of it. So, he's a pretty special guy."

Leonard beat out Draymond Green in voting Monday to become the first non-center to win the award in consecutive seasons since Dennis Rodman in 1989-90 and 1990-91.

The 6-foot-7 Leonard received 84 first-place votes and 547 points from a panel of 130 sports writers and broadcasters throughout the U.S. and Canada. Green, the All-Star forward for Golden State, was runner-up for the second straight year with 44 first-place votes and 421 points. Miami center Hassan Whiteside was third with 83 points and two first-place votes.

The Spurs were a franchise-record 67-15 this season and allowed a league-low 92.9 points per game. Leonard was 12th in the league in steals and averaged a career-best 0.99 blocks. He was just as smothering in the 106-74 win over the Grizzlies to open the playoffs over the weekend.

IOC: Impeachment vote won't hurt games preparations

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP)—The IOC says the impeachment process against Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff should not divert from preparations for the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Brazil's Chamber of Deputies voted Sunday to open impeachment proceedings against Rousseff, less than four months before the Aug. 5 opening of South America's first Olympics. The measure now goes to the Senate, where a majority vote will determine whether

Rousseff is suspended.

The IOC says preparations "have now entered into a very operational phase where these kinds of political issues have much less influence than at other stages of organizing the Olympic Games."

The IOC coordination commission visited Rio last week for its final inspection ahead of the games.

The IOC says "we have seen the great progress being

made and we remain confident about the success of the Olympic Games in August."

Meanwhile, the World Anti-Doping Agency has stripped accreditation from the laboratory in Moscow implicated in a state-sponsored conspiracy.

The decision comes more than five months after the testing center's reputation was shredded in a WADA-commissioned inquiry report into doping and cover-ups in Russia.



Lackey strikes out 11 as Cubs top Cards



ST. LOUIS
(AP)—John Lackey had a little extra something in the tank for his old team.

The 37-year-old right-hander struck out 11 in seven innings of four-hit ball and delivered an RBI single, leading the Chicago Cubs over the St. Louis Cardinals, 5-0, Monday night.

"I've been known to be able to focus a little bit, I guess," Lackey said. "I kind of like this sort of situation."

"You could tell he was amped up," Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said.

Jason Heyward, playing at Busch Stadium for the first time since leaving to sign with Chicago, was 0 for 4 at the plate, made two nice catches in right field and was booed throughout.

"Oh yeah, you hear it. It's fun, it's cool, whatever," Heyward said. "They don't boo too often, so it must be somebody important or somebody doing something worth booing."

Dexter Fowler homered for the second time in three days for the Cubs, a major league-best 10-3 and off to their best start since 1970. Chicago has won 15 of its last 16 regular-season road games, going 6-1 this year.

Fowler homered in the sixth, and rookie shortstop Aledmys Diaz misplayed a potential double-play grounder in the Cubs' three-run seventh, throwing the ball wildly for an error as a run scored. Addison Russell had a sacrifice fly and Lackey, who entered with a .111 career bat-



Chicago Cubs starting pitcher John Lackey throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals on Monday, April 18, 2016, in St. Louis.

his infield hit to third.

J.A. Happ (2-0) gave up one run and four hits in seven-plus innings in the Patriots' Day morning game. Drew Storen got three outs for his first save despite giving up Travis Shaw's RBI double and Hanley Ramirez's two-out, RBI single. Storen then struck out pinch-hitter David Ortiz, who took a 93 mph sinker with a 2-2 count for a called third strike.

Angels 7, White Sox 0

In Chicago, Hector Santiago matched a career high with 10 strikeouts over seven crisp innings, and Los Angeles roughed up Chicago lefty Carlos Rodon.

Kole Calhoun, Andrelton Simmons and Geovany Soto hit consecutive RBI singles during a five-run first, matching the Angels' season high for runs in an entire game.

Rodon (1-2) got only one out before he was pulled. The No. 3 pick in the 2014 amateur draft allowed six hits and walked two in the shortest of his 29 major league appearances.

Simmons and C.J. Cron each had three hits as the Angels rebounded from a weekend sweep by the Twins.

Santiago (1-0), traded from the White Sox to the Angels in 2013, yielded two hits and walked three. Greg Mahle and Mike Morin finished the three-hitter for Los Angeles' first shutout of the season.

Twins 7, Brewers 4

In Minneapolis, Miguel Sano and Byung Ho Park homered, and Minnesota had a season-best 14 hits against Milwaukee in a game that was shortened to six innings because of rain.

After losing their first nine games this season, the Twins have won four straight.

Every Minnesota starter had a hit to support Phil Hughes (1-2), who allowed three earned runs and six hits with six strikeouts in an abbreviated complete game.

Joe Mauer's RBI double in the sixth pushed him past Harmon Killebrew for fifth in Twins history with 1,712 hits.

Chase Anderson (1-1) gave up five runs, four earned, and 11 hits in five innings for the Brewers, who have lost four of five.

The game was called after a delay of 2 hours, 6 minutes.

ting average, singled for a 4-0 lead and his seventh RBI in 129 career at-bats.

He has a hit and an RBI in his last two starts. But it was the pitching numbers that really mattered.

"We talked about it before the game, the focus he was going to have," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "He had his sharpness tonight."

Rockies 5, Reds 1

In Cincinnati, Trevor Story's solo homer snapped an eighth-inning tie, Jordan

Lyles got his first victory in nearly a year and the Colorado Rockies beat the Cincinnati Reds 5-1 Monday night.

Story added to his incredible rookie start, connecting on the first pitch from Ross Ohlendorf (2-2) for his NL-leading eighth homer in only 13 games. Ben Paulsen completed the rally with a three-run homer off Jumbo Diaz.

Lyles (1-1) allowed four hits and one unearned run in seven innings for his first win since April 23 last year. He missed most of 2015 with

injuries and had been 0-5 in his last eight starts with an 8.35 ERA.

Mets 5, Phillies 2

In Philadelphia, David Wright homered twice for his first two RBI this season as New York went deep four times.

Noah Syndergaard (2-0) struck out eight in seven innings and threw 17 of his 94 pitches at least 99.5 mph. He allowed one run and five hits with two walks while bringing his strikeout total to 29

through three starts. He has a 0.90 ERA.

Lucas Duda and Neil Walker hit consecutive homers off David Hernandez in the eighth. New York has won four of five following a four-game skid that produced a 2-5 start.

Jerad Eickhoff (1-2) gave up two runs and five hits in seven innings with nine strikeouts.

Marlins 6, Nationals 1

In Miami, Jose Fernandez overcame early wildness and regained his winning touch at home.

Fernandez (1-1) threw 54 pitches in the first two innings but didn't allow a hit until the fifth. He lasted six innings and improved to 18-1 at Marlins Park, with the lone loss in his previous home start.

Washington's Bryce Harper went 0 for 2 with a sacrifice fly. He had homered in his previous four games.

Giancarlo Stanton benefited from the new, cozier dimensions at Marlins Park when he homered near the 407-foot sign in center in the fifth. Last year the ball would have been off the wall.

Blue Jays 4, Red Sox 3

In Boston, Russell Martin hit a two-run single against Craig Kimbrel, who walked Troy Tulowitzki with the bases loaded to force in the tying run. The rally began when Ezequiel Carrera reached second base against Koji Uehara (0-1) after Josh Rutledge's throwing error on

Appeals court upholds \$1B NFL concussion settlement



PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A federal appeals court has upheld an estimated \$1 billion plan by the NFL to settle thousands of concussion lawsuits filed by former players, potentially ending a troubled chapter in league history.

The decision released Monday comes nearly a year after a district judge approved the revised settlement. If there are no further appeals—either to a full panel of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia within two weeks, or the Supreme Court within 90 days—former players already diagnosed with brain injuries linked to repeated concussions could begin receiving benefits within 3-4 months, a plaintiffs' attorney said.

"I couldn't stress enough the urgency of getting this done," said attorney Christopher Seeger. He conceded the

settlement was hardly perfect, but two courts had now judged it fair.

Lawyer Steven F. Molo, who argued for several former players opposed to the deal, said his clients were disappointed and considering their options.

In a statement, an NFL spokesman called the appeals court decisions "a significant step in implementing the clubs' commitment to provide compensation to retired players who are experiencing cognitive or neurological issues."

The settlement would cover more than 20,000 NFL retirees for the next 65 years. The league estimates that 6,000 former players, or nearly three in 10, could develop Alzheimer's disease or moderate dementia.

Fewer than 200 of those retirees opted out of the settlement, while 99 percent approved.

As part of the settlement, the NFL admitted no fault. A league official speaking to Congress recently acknowledged for the first time a definite link between football and chronic traumatic encephalopathy, the degenerative brain disease found in dozens of former players after their deaths. But the appeals court said that admission was not grounds to overturn the settlement.

"This settlement will provide significant and immediate relief to retired players living with the lasting scars of a NFL career ... We must hesitate before rejecting that bargain based on an unsupported hope that sending the parties back to the negotiating table would lead to a better deal," Judge Thomas L. Ambro wrote for the unanimous three-judge panel.

The league has been dogged for years by complaints that it hid the risks of

repeated concussions in order to return players to the field. The deal avoids the need for a trial and means the NFL may never have to disclose what it knew when about the risks and treatment of repeated concussions.

Players' lawyers who negotiated the deal with the NFL, and stand to split \$112 million in fees, say the settlement will help families get needed financial awards or medical testing that might take years if the case went to trial. The ruling comes less than a month after lead plaintiff and former Philadelphia Eagle Kevin Turner died at 46 after battling Lou Gehrig's disease for several years.

"Compensation for players who are coping with these (neurocognitive or neuromuscular) symptoms now is surely preferable to waiting until they die to pay their estates for a CTE diagnosis," Ambro wrote.

NMA holds All Schools qualifier on Tinian

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Northern Marianas Athletics officials went to Tinian last weekend to hold a qualifying tournament for the 2016 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships.

The qualifier was for the boys U14 and U18 age groups and took place at the Tinian Junior High and High School track facility.

In the 60m qualifier, Charlene Danganan topped the girls U14 field after clocking in at 9.11 seconds, while Chelsea Ayuyu prevailed in the U18 division after logging 9.36 seconds. Ayuyu also won the 100m run with her 15.59 seconds, beating Kay Laguna (17). Laguna fought back in the 200m after submitting 37.55 seconds, while Renuka Shrestha got twin wins in the girls U14 100m (15.59) and 200m (32.80).

In the boys U14, Tyler Santos won the 60m (8:13), 100m (13.90), and 200m (29.48). In the U18 division, Zach-



Participants and organizers of the All Schools qualifier on Tinian pose for a group photo last weekend at the Tinian track and field facility.

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ariah Hofschneider duplicated Santos' three-peat, registering 7.61 seconds in the 60m, 12.13 in the 100m, and 25.57 in the 200m.

In the middle distance races, Peter Ray Manglona reigned after recording 6:57 and 13:29 in the 1,500m, and 3,000m, respectively, while Ryan Gue-

varra and Michael Cabulay topped the 800m and 400m qualifiers. Cabulay posted 1:01.17 in his race, while Guevarra logged 2:38.31.

In the field events, Zachariah Hofschneider was also unstoppable as he registered 13.44m and 29.3m in the shotput and discus throws. Michael

Naputi came in at second both in shotput (11.5m) and discus (27.15). John Dona placed third in the discus with his 22.02m, while Rasell Fnu rounded out the Top 3 in shotput after tallying 10.68m.

In the girls division, Ayuyu and Sirena Desebel joined the discus and submitted 14.60m and 12.11m, respectively.

Meanwhile, NMA has yet to announce how many Tinian athletes qualified for the All Schools meet, which will

be held from May 4 to 7 at the Hopwood Junior High School.

Hopwood is also the host of Saipan qualifiers, which have already started last Monday.

Due to lack of time and unavailability of the Oleai Sports Complex track facility, each school will only have one chance to earn qualifying slots to next month's competition.

Today, the qualifier is for middle school and events lined up from 4pm to 6:30pm are

60m, 100m, and 200m run, and javelin throw. Schools scheduled to compete are Chacha, Dandan, Mt. Carmel, Whispering Palms, Saipan International School, Marianas Baptist Academy, Hopwood, and Saipan Community School.

Tomorrow, Marianas High School, Kagman, Saipan Southern, Agape Christian School, MBA, SIS, and Hopwood will join the 60m, 100m, and 200m run, and javelin qualifiers. The series of qualifiers will continue until next week (April 25 to 28), while all schools automatically gain slots to relays.

Chambers versus Spartans for Tuesday title

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The Jokers Chambers and sister team Spartans set up their title showdown in the Tuesday B League of the Bud Light-Saipan Electronic Darts Association Winter/Spring 2016 season after prevailing in last weekend's matches.

The Chambers were on top with a 201-99 slate, pending results of their faceoff with the Spartans last night at their home bar, Jokers Bar & Grill, in Garapan, while the latter are not far behind at 200-100.

The Jokers 21 Shockers (182-118) could lock up a podium finish as they are up by 10 games over the Doro's Hot Points (172-128). They were

scheduled to meet separate foes last night with the Shockers playing the 6JMS G-Side Shooters (103-107) and the Hot Points battling the VFW Dabarkads (100-200). The Jokers Northern Lights (157-143) was set to clash with the VFW Warriors (85-215) in the other match.

The Chambers and the Spartans trounced the Warriors and the Dabarkads in similar scores, 12-3, in last week's games, while the Hot Points zoomed to an 11-4 win over the Northern Lights and the Shockers also had the same scoreline against the Dabarkads.

Masters

■ Dart Daddies 15, Dart-

eros 2
■ Nakayoshi 11, Pythons 6

C Division

■ Puntan I langit 8, Managaha Boyz 7
■ DNA Jump It 9, C-Busters 6
■ Mixed Nuts 9, Just Dart It 6

Fanihi

■ Fearless 15, Parakeyu 0 (default)
■ After Darts 11, Dragons 4
■ Mafia 11, Dart Vader 4
■ Preba Darts 11, Ta Chagi Talo 4

Flame Tree

■ Latte Sparts 13, Oneshot 2
■ Kyodia 12, Nagu'pu 3
■ Serial Killaz 10, Em-Tech 5
■ Ridin'Darryty 9, No Fear 6

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Paire this Saturday for its final game in the season. Paire is at fourth place following a 2-1 victory over Kanoa in the other U17 pairing last Saturday. Saixian Bagsic and Dai Podziewski nailed the two goals for Paire, which improved to a 2-0-5 mark. Kanoa, which got its lone goal from Ian Maniago in the penultimate week of the division, fell to a 1-0-5 card.

In the co-ed U12 division, MP United secured the championship after a scoreless draw against Kanoa last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

MP United finished the three-round robin contest with a 7-1-1 slate, narrowly beating the 6-1-2 record of Kanoa. Had Kanoa won, it would have forced a tie with MP United and since they would have a 1-1 mark in head-to-head, a knockout match would have been set up to decide the division champion.

MP United, which defeated Kanoa, 7-1, in their first meeting, scored the most goals (68) in the season despite failing to hit the board in its final game. The division champion also allowed the least goals (18) and collected 22 points in nine games.

Kanoa, on the other hand, totaled 44 goals and gave up 15. Tan Holdings (3-0-6) and

Paire (1-0-8) rounded out the division.

Tan Holdings won its last game in the season after downing Paire, 6-3, in the other match at the Hopwood pitch. Angelo Pulido towed Tan Holdings to its third victory after drilling four goals, while Justin Weaver and Anthony John Bergancia registered the two other goals. With its six goals, Tan Holdings managed to collect 29 in nine games, while giving up 55.

Paire, which drew two goals from Dylan Mister and one from River Kramer, had only 18 goals in three rounds and allowed the most (62). The last finisher wrapped up the season with a 1-0-8 card.

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appeared in nine games where he started in seven for a 5-1 record and 3.215 ERA. He had a total of 44.1 innings pitched, giving up 16 earned runs on 41 hits with 15 walks and 37 strikeouts. Opposing batters hit .248 against him and only one scored a home run versus the lefty pitcher.

Jones is having an impressive performance at UWA after moving from Colby Community College Trojans where

he posted a 42-21 record. He went 5-1 with a 2.80 ERA with 56 strikeouts in 54.2 innings pitched and helped the Trojans win the 2013 championship. Jones, in his rookie year with the Trojans, compiled a 6-4 card with a 3.25 ERA, striking out 73 in tossing 80.1 innings.

The UWA pitcher was also the 2011 Northern Marianas Sports Association Male Athlete of the Year after he towed the CNMI national team to a gold medal win in the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia. He won all five games

he started in New Caledonia, including a shutout victory over 2007 champion Palau.

Jones, in the 2011 Pacific Games, tossed for 30.2 innings with 42 strikeouts and an impressive 0.11 ERA. Before the New Caledonia Games, he was also part of the CNMI team that won the gold medal in the 2010 Micronesian Games.

The 23-year-old Jones, the eldest child of John and Julieta, is majoring in political science. He has two other siblings, Jasmine (18) and Jaycie (17).

GSM

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and ending the Aces' early misery.

With the Brewers in control, the Aces were forced to mount a comeback and managed to outscore the defending champions in the next six innings, 5-2, to stay in contention. Lamar Iguel hit an RBI single in the third inning, while Darion Jones had a sacrifice fly. Iguel also recorded a sacrifice fly in the fifth before drilling an RBI single in the seventh for their fourth run, while Ben Jones Jr. had the same shot in that inning, too to cut the Brewers' lead into five.

The Brewers earned their two other runs at the bottom of fifth from Tenorio's two-RBI single and kept the lead and

the win after shutting down the Aces in the last two innings with Lancaster Secharmidal taking over the mound from Lenny Sablan.

Secharmidal, who relieved Sablan in the latter part of the seventh inning and got a strikeout after beginning his shift with a walk on Darion Jones, kicked off the eighth with a strikeout. He then walked the second batter and gave up a single to the third before fanning out Juan Iguel for the last out. Verlance Secharmidal earlier fled out to second for the Aces' second out. Lancaster added another strikeout in the ninth and last inning to end the match. The Aces' were called for the first two outs off a fly and a ball trick violation.

With the victory, the Brew-

ers improved to a 2-1 record for a tie for second place with the Falcons and Yankees. There is also a tie for the top spot between Titanium and the Chalan Kanoa Bears, which are unbeaten in three games.

The Bears recorded their third triumph against the winless North Starz (0-3) last Friday, 14-8. The co-leaders scored in seven of the nine-inning match, gaining enough cushion in the first five as they totaled eight runs against the five of the North Starz.

Jeremy Lizama went 3-for-4 at bat for the Bears and made two RBIs, while Jeffrey Lizama also had two RBIs off his 2-for-5 performance at the plate. Henry Lizama and J.J. Chong contributed three runs each for the undefeated Bears.

2016 Saipan Marathon

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Leo Wania runs the half marathon course in last Saturday's Saipan Marathon wearing a woven hat.



Chinese runners from the Anbu Town SPARK Long-distance Running Team hold hands as they near the finish line.



Rev. Fr. Ryan Jimenez, right, and Rev. Fr. James Balajadia pose for a photo after completing the half marathon and 10K courses.



Agape Christian School runners raise their arms as they prepare to touch the tape.



A Chinese runner holds his country's flag as he crosses the finish line.



Atsushi Okawa holds his child after crossing the finish line.



Miss Marianas Jian Joyner, standing back center, joins the members of the Saipan Awaodori Team for a group photo.



Three runners celebrate at the finish line.



Lauri Boyer, third left, flexes her muscles as she joins, from left, John Dax Moreno, Miss Marianas Jian Joyner, and her son David Boyer at the photo booth of the 2016 Saipan Marathon.

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MPU clinch co-ed U12, boys U17 titles



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MP United FC's co-ed U12 players and coaches pose for a photo before a game in the NMIFA youth league at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

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MP United Football Club ruled two divisions in the 2016 NMIFA Youth Spring League.

The group's boys U17 team gave the club the first championship without even playing in last weekend's pair of matches at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. MP United virtually took the division crown after its closest pursuer Matansa FC was beaten by Tan Holdings FC, 2-1.

With the Matansa loss, MP United moved to the solo lead in the five-team field with one more game left in the double-round robin season. MP United holds a 5-1-1 win-draw-loss record against the 5-1-2 mark of Matansa and the former has one game left (versus Kanoa this Saturday), while the latter is done for the season.

A Kanoa upset over MP United this Saturday will give the latter the same record as Matansa. MP United will then end up at first place despite the tie due to the head-to-head rule implemented by the NMIFA Youth Committee. MP United won over Matansa in their first meeting last Feb. 20, 1-0, while the opposing teams had a 2-2 draw in their April 2 duel.



Meanwhile, Tan Holdings is a locked at third place in the U17 division with its 4-0-3 mark. Rico Roy Reyes and Mareko Tekopua scored the two goals for Tan Holdings, which will battle

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Jones keeps unbeaten slate

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Former Saipan Little League standout Josh Jones pitched six shutout innings in start to lead the University of West Alabama Tigers to an 8-0 blanking of the Shorter University Hawks in last Sunday's game in the Gulf State Conference at UWA's Tart Field.

Jones, according to the UWA athletics website, gave up seven hits with no walks and nine strikeouts to earn his sixth win and help the Tigers complete a three-game sweep of the Hawks.

The Tigers' senior hurler has now worked a total of 14 shutout innings after also tossing eight in UWA's 3-0 win against the West Florida Argonauts last April 10. He allowed only one run and walked no batter in a total of 23 innings pitched.

Austin Sanders relieved Jones in the seventh where the former pitched two scoreless innings, allowing a hit and striking out two, while Daniel Cromer closed out for the Tigers to complete the

win.

UWA coach Gary Rundles praised Jones' impressive pitching. "Josh has been lights out for the last couple of weeks. The biggest thing is he hasn't walked anybody since March 9. I'm proud of all my pitchers."

Tigers' pitchers have surrendered only two runs in 31 innings in their three-game series with the Hawks to lower their ERA to 3.10. They also allowed two runs in the last 40 innings.

Last year, the lefty Jones
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GSM Brewers down BSI Aces

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REPORTER

Defending champions GSM Brewers got off to a strong start en route to a 10-5 victory over the BSI Aces in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League last Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Brewers collected eight runs at bottom of the first inning to take the early lead which they protected after allowing the Aces to no more than two runs in each of the three innings the latter scored.

Letfielder Ricardo Dela Cruz blasted a two-RBI single in the Brewers' first

inning rush and also reached off an Aces error, while Ton Tenorio and Nokki Saralu each had an RBI single, and designated hitter Manny Sablan and Byron Kaipat had RBI walk apiece. The Brewers got one run of a fielder's choice.

The first seven players on the Brewers' batting order reached home before the Aces' halted the rally with John Tudela replacing starting pitcher Chris Myers and striking out Pat Alepuyo for the first out. Tudela later fanned two more Brewers batters, leaving three runners stranded

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The GSM Brewers' Nokki Saralu warms up as he waits for his turn at bat during their game against the BSI Aces last Monday in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



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Josh Jones pitched six shutout innings in University of West Alabama Tigers's 8-0 win over the Shorter University Hawks last Sunday at the Gulf State Conference at UWA's Tart Field.